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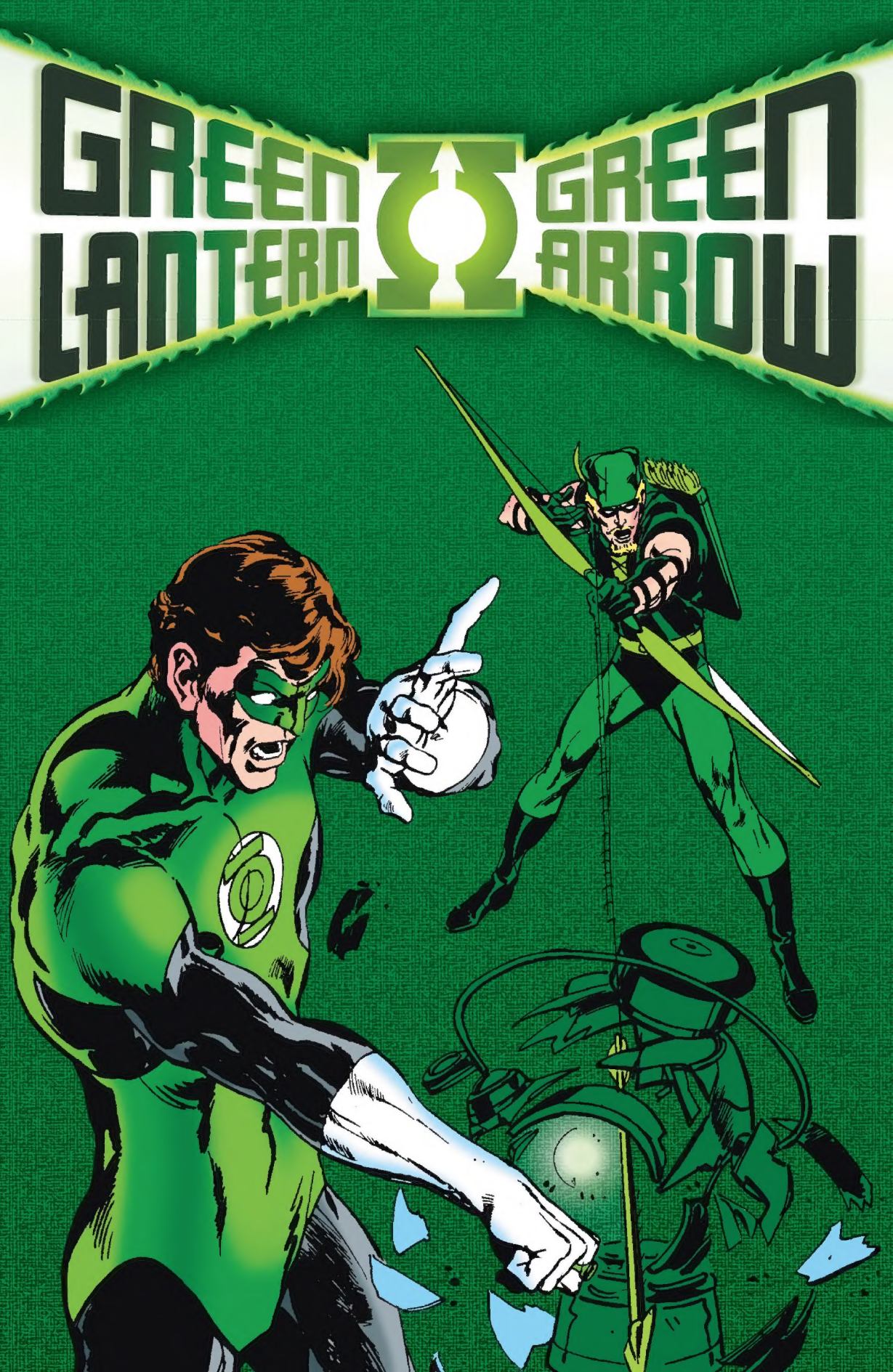
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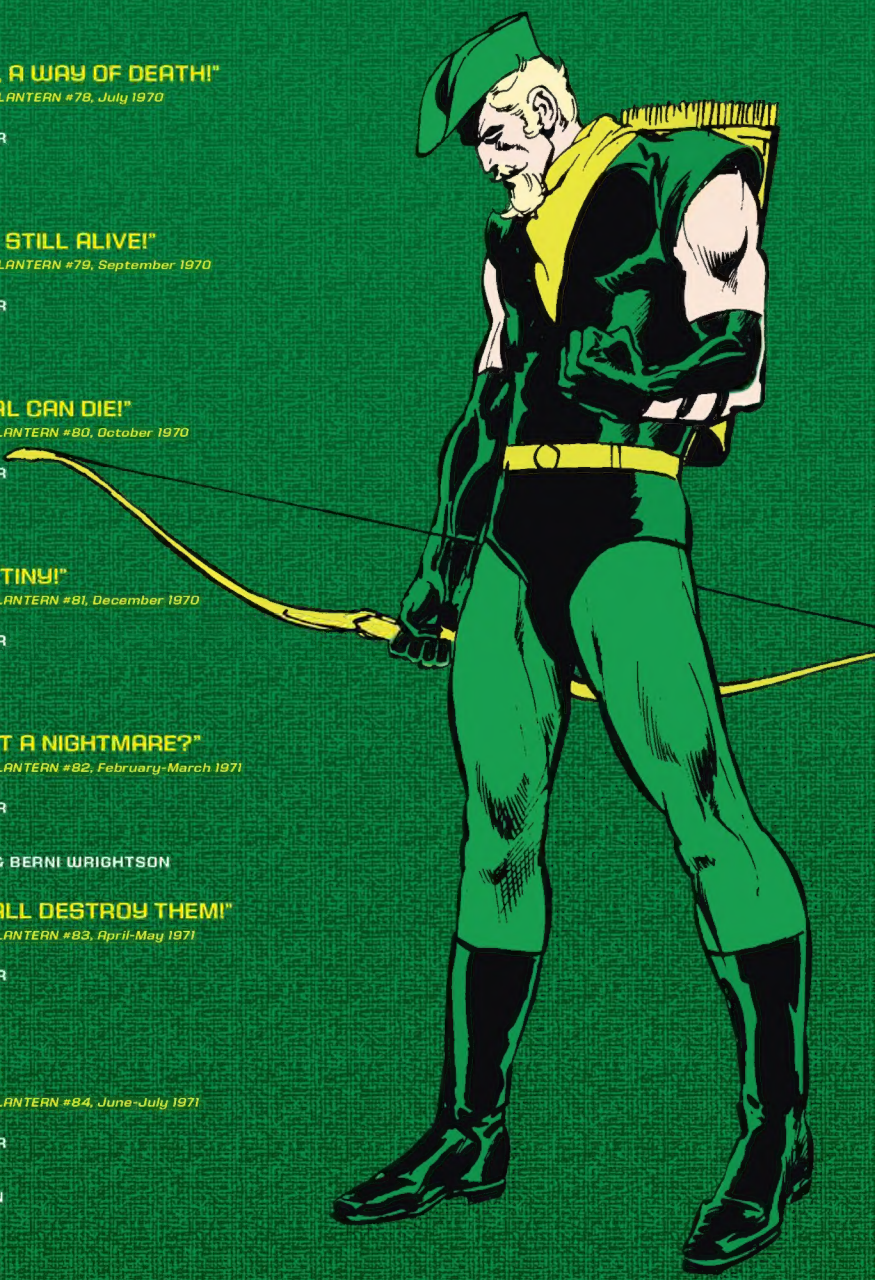

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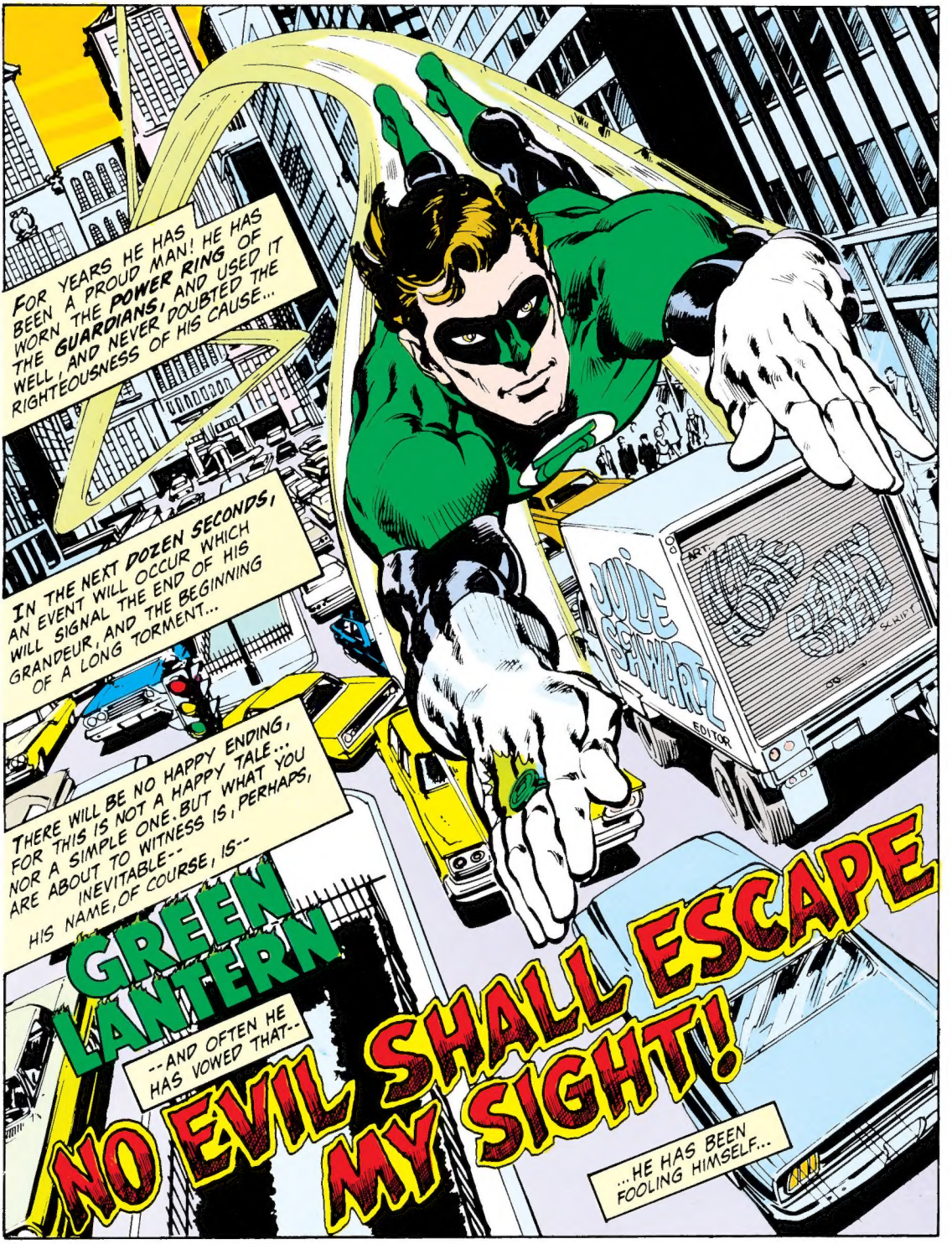
FOR YEARS HE HAS BEEN A PROUD MAN! HE HAS WORN THE POWER RING OF THE GUARDIANS, AND USED IT WELL, AND NEVER DOUBTED THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF HIS CAUSE...
IN THE NEXT DOZEN SECONDS, AN EVENT WILL OCCUR WHICH WILL SIGNAL THE END OF HIS GRANDEUR, AND THE BEGINNING OF A LONG TORMENT...
THERE WILL BE NO HAPPY ENDING, FOR THIS IS NOT A HAPPY TALE... NOR A SIMPLE ONE. BUT WHAT YOU ARE ABOUT TO WITNESS IS, PERHAPS, INEVITABLE--
HIS NAME, OF COURSE, IS--
GREEN LANTERN
--AND OFTEN HE HAS VOWED THAT--
NO EVIL SHALL ESCAPE MY SIGHT!
...HE HAS BEEN FOOLING HIMSELF...
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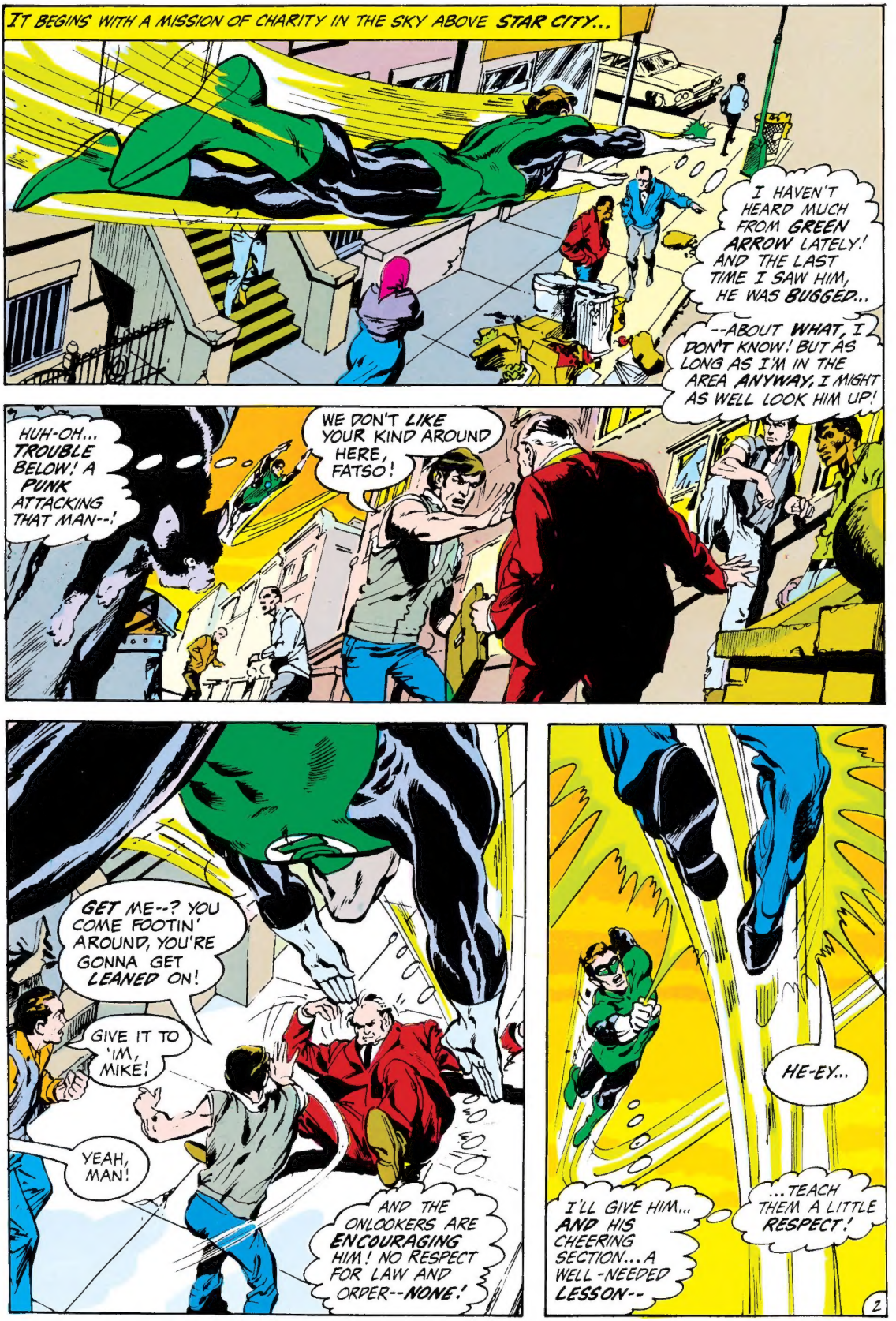
IT BEGINS WITH A MISSION OF CHARITY IN THE SKY ABOVE STAR CITY...
I HAVEN'T HEARD MUCH FROM GREEN ARROW LATELY! AND THE LAST TIME I SAW HIM, HE WAS BUGGED...
--ABOUT WHAT, I DON'T KNOW! BUT AS LONG AS I'M IN THE AREA ANYWAY, I MIGHT AS WELL LOOK HIM UP!
HUH-OH... TROUBLE BELOW! A PUNK ATTACKING THAT MAN--!
WE DON'T LIKE YOUR KIND AROUND HERE, FATSO!
GET ME--? YOU COME FOOTIN' AROUND, YOU'RE GONNA GET LEANED ON!
GIVE IT TO 'IM, MIKE!
YEAH, MAN!
AND THE ONLOOKERS ARE ENCOURAGING HIM! NO RESPECT FOR LAW AND ORDER--NONE!
HE-EY...
I'LL GIVE HIM... AND HIS CHEERING SECTION... A WELL-NEEDED LESSON--
...TEACH THEM A LITTLE RESPECT!
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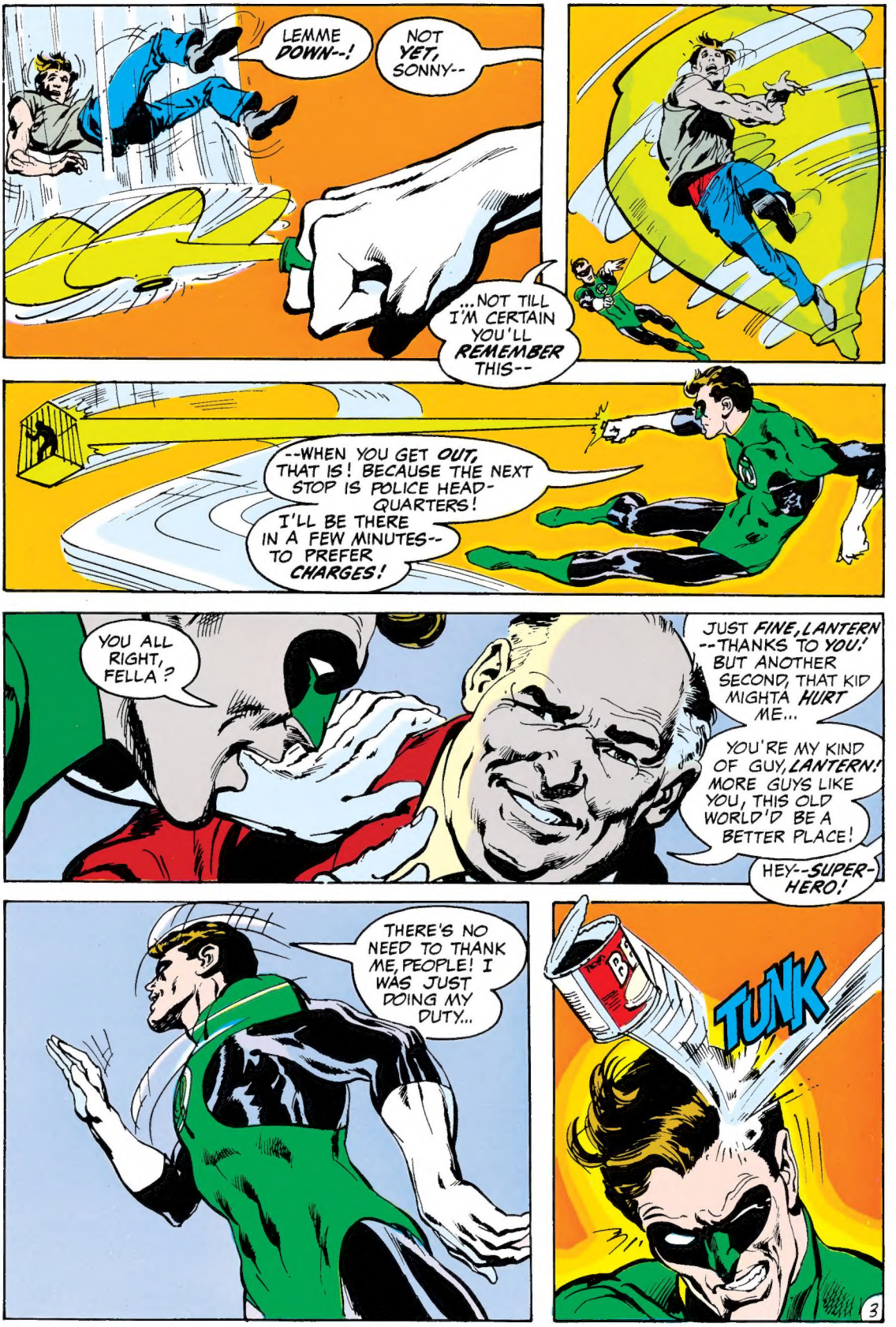
LEMME DOWN--!
NOT YET, SONNY--
...NOT TILL I'M CERTAIN YOU'LL REMEMBER THIS--
--WHEN YOU GET OUT, THAT IS! BECAUSE THE NEXT STOP IS POLICE HEADQUARTERS!
I'LL BE THERE IN A FEW MINUTES--TO PREFER CHARGES!
YOU ALL RIGHT, FELLA?
JUST FINE, LANTERN --THANKS TO YOU! BUT ANOTHER SECOND, THAT KID MIGHTA HURT ME...
YOU'RE MY KIND OF GUY, LANTERN! MORE GUYS LIKE YOU, THIS OLD WORLD'D BE A BETTER PLACE!
HEY--SUPER-HERO!
THERE'S NO NEED TO THANK ME, PEOPLE! I WAS JUST DOING MY DUTY...
TUNK
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FROM EVERY WINDOW...FROM EACH ROOFTOP... COMES A HAIL OF GARBAGE, BOTTLES, TIN CANS--
MY RING WILL PROTECT US! AND THEY BETTER HAVE PROTECTION, TOO...BECAUSE I'VE HAD IT!
THEY'RE ACTING LIKE ANIMALS...
YOU WANT A RIOT, MISTER? OKAY, THAT'S WHAT I'LL GIVE YOU...
TOUCH HIM FIRST, GREEN LANTERN, AND YOU'LL HAVE TO TOUCH ME SECOND...
...AND I'LL TOUCH BACK!-- BELIEVE IT, CHUM!
BACK OFF! GO CHASE A MAD SCIENTIST OR SOMETHING!
GREEN ARROW--! YOU'RE...DEFENDING THESE...THESE ANARCHISTS?!
CAN'T YOU SEE THEY'RE BREAKING THE LAW?
YEAH, I CAN SEE...LOTS OF THINGS! LIKE THAT YOU'VE NO BUSINESS HERE--
I WAS ALMOST TEMPTED TO THROW A CAN AT YOU MYSELF!
YOU'RE NOT MAKING SENSE, GREEN ARROW!
NO? COME ON... I'LL GIVE YOU A GUIDED TOUR... A LOOK AT HOW THE OTHER HALF LIVES--
--IF YOU CAN CALL IT LIVING!
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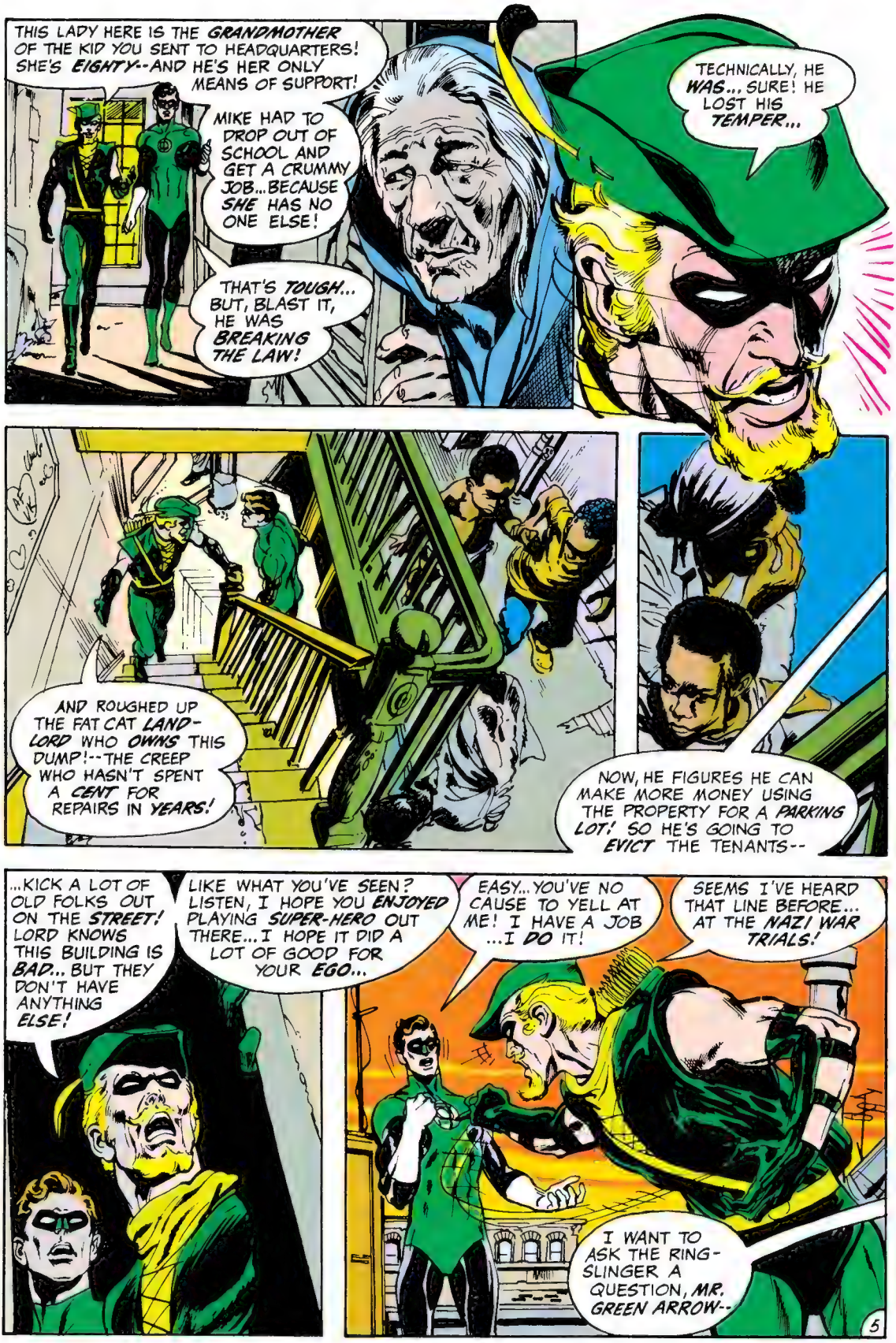
THIS LADY HERE IS THE GRANDMOTHER OF THE KID YOU SENT TO HEADQUARTERS! SHE'S EIGHTY--AND HE'S HER ONLY MEANS OF SUPPORT!
MIKE HAD TO DROP OUT OF SCHOOL AND GET A CRUMMY JOB...BECAUSE SHE HAS NO ONE ELSE!
THAT'S TOUGH... BUT, BLAST IT, HE WAS BREAKING THE LAW!
TECHNICALLY, HE WAS... SURE! HE LOST HIS TEMPER...
AND ROUGHED UP THE FAT CAT LANDLORD WHO OWNS THIS DUMP!--THE CREEP WHO HASN'T SPENT A CENT FOR REPAIRS IN YEARS!
NOW, HE FIGURES HE CAN MAKE MORE MONEY USING THE PROPERTY FOR A PARKING LOT! SO HE'S GOING TO EVICT THE TENANTS--
...KICK A LOT OF OLD FOLKS OUT ON THE STREET! LORD KNOWS THIS BUILDING IS BAD... BUT THEY DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE!
LIKE WHAT YOU'VE SEEN? LISTEN, I HOPE YOU ENJOYED PLAYING SUPER-HERO OUT THERE... I HOPE IT DID A LOT OF GOOD FOR YOUR EGO...
EASY... YOU'VE NO CAUSE TO YELL AT ME! I HAVE A JOB ...I DO IT!
SEEMS I'VE HEARD THAT LINE BEFORE... AT THE NAZI WAR TRIALS!
I WANT TO ASK THE RING-SLINGER A QUESTION, MR. GREEN ARROW--

I BEEN READIN' ABOUT YOU... HOW YOU WORK FOR THE BLUE SKINS... AND HOW ON A PLANET SOMEPLACE YOU HELPED OUT THE ORANGE SKINS...
...AND YOU DONE CONSIDERABLE FOR THE PURPLE SKINS! ONLY THERE'S SKINS YOU NEVER BOTHERED WITH--!
...THE BLACK SKINS! I WANT TO KNOW... HOW COME?!
ANSWER ME THAT, MR. GREEN LANTERN!
I... CAN'T...
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IN THE TIME IT TAKES TO DRAW A SINGLE BREATH... THE SPAN OF A HEARTBEAT--A MAN LOOKS INTO HIS OWN SOUL, AND HIS LIFE CHANGES...
OKAY... MAYBE I HAVE BEEN A DUMMY! SO TELL ME... HOW DO I HELP?
I'M NO ADVICE COMMITTEE... IF YOU WANT TO BAD ENOUGH, YOU'LL FIND A WAY!
AND YOU KNOW... I THINK YOU DO WANT TO!
FOR OPENERS, YOU MIGHT TRY TO KEEP FOLKS FROM GETTING KICKED INTO THE STREETS!
I CAN TALK TO THE LANDLORD--
YOU SURE CAN... AND LOTS OF LUCK, PAL!
THEN, IN THE PRIVACY OF HAL JORDAN'S HOTEL ROOM, THE EMERALD CRUSADER PERFORMS A FAMILIAR RITUAL-- TOUCHING THE GLOWING RING GEM TO A LANTERN, INFUSING IT WITH ENERGY--
IN BRIGHTEST DAY, IN BLACKEST NIGHT, NO EVIL SHALL ESCAPE MY SIGHT--
HOW OFTEN HAVE I MADE THAT VOW... AND UNTIL TODAY, I BELIEVED WHAT I WAS SAYING!
BUT EVIL WAS ALL AROUND ME... DISGUISED AS FAMILIAR, EVERYDAY PERSONS AND PLACES!
I'VE LIVED THIS LONG WITHOUT LEARNING THAT BAD DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A BUG-EYED MONSTER OR A MAD SCIENTIST--
...NOR IS IT ALWAYS HIDDEN! THAT PENTHOUSE IS PRETTY VISIBLE...
...AND IF GREEN ARROW IS RIGHT, IT HOUSES CORRUPTION!
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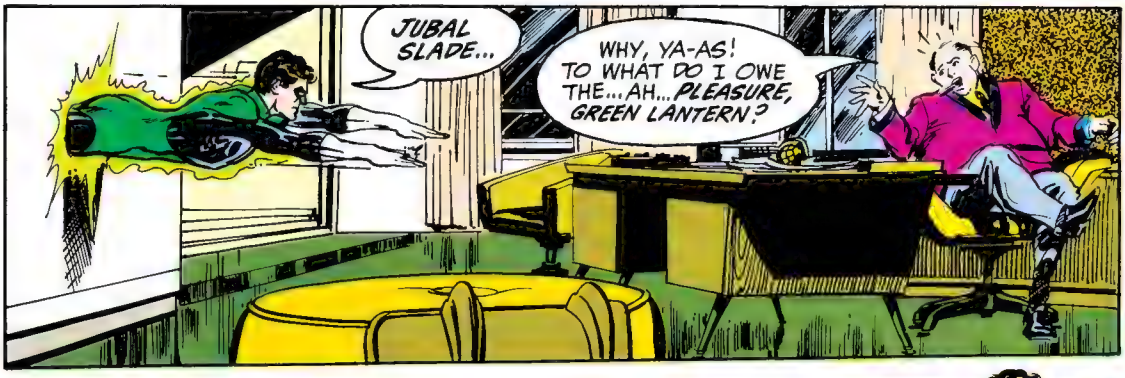
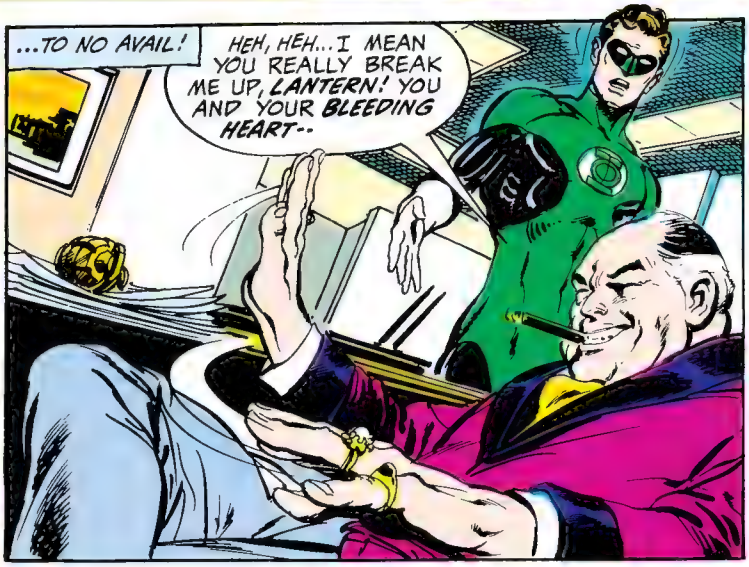
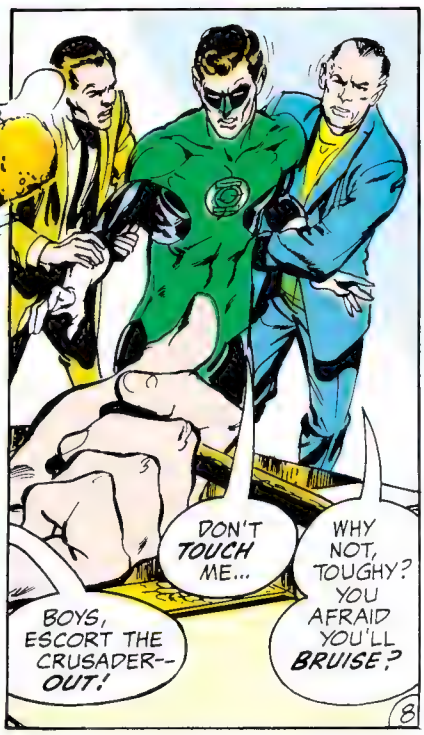

JUBAL SLADE...
WHY, YA-AS! TO WHAT DO I OWE THE... AH... PLEASURE, GREEN LANTERN?

FOR A LONG HOUR, THE EMERALD CRUSADER ARGUES, INSISTS, AND FINALLY PLEADS...


...TO NO AVAIL!
HEH, HEH... I MEAN YOU REALLY BREAK ME UP, LANTERN! YOU AND YOUR BLEEDING HEART--

I MEAN, YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING! I MEAN, I GOT THE LAW ON MY SIDE! I CAN DO ANYTHING I WANT WITH THAT PROPERTY...
YOU EXPECT ME TO PASS A FAT PROFIT 'CAUSE A LOT OF WORTHLESS OLD GEEKS ARE GONNA GET RAINED ON?


BOYS, ESCORT THE CRUSADER-- OUT!
DON'T TOUCH ME...
WHY NOT, TOUGHY? YOU AFRAID YOU'LL BRUISE?

I WARNED YOU... KEEP YOUR SLIMY HANDS OFF!
YOUR TURN, YOU FILTHY HEAP OF...
YOU BETTER NOT...I'M A POWERFUL MAN IN THIS TOWN--
TELL ME MORE! SCARE ME--
AS THE ENRAGED HERO'S ROCK-HARD FIST IS ABOUT TO DESCEND INTO JUBAL SLADE'S PASTRY-SOFT FACE, THE AIR SHIMMERS--AND A TELEPATHIC IMAGE OF ONE OF THE MYSTERIOUS GALACTIC GUARDIANS MATERIALIZES...
GREEN LANTERN OF EARTH! DESIST! THIS HUMAN HAS COMMITTED NO CRIME!
REPORT TO OA... IMMEDIATELY!
YOU'RE LUCKY, SLADE! BUT THERE'LL BE ANOTHER TIME... I PROMISE!
I'M COUNTING ON IT, LANTERN... YOU, ME, AND MY LAWYERS!
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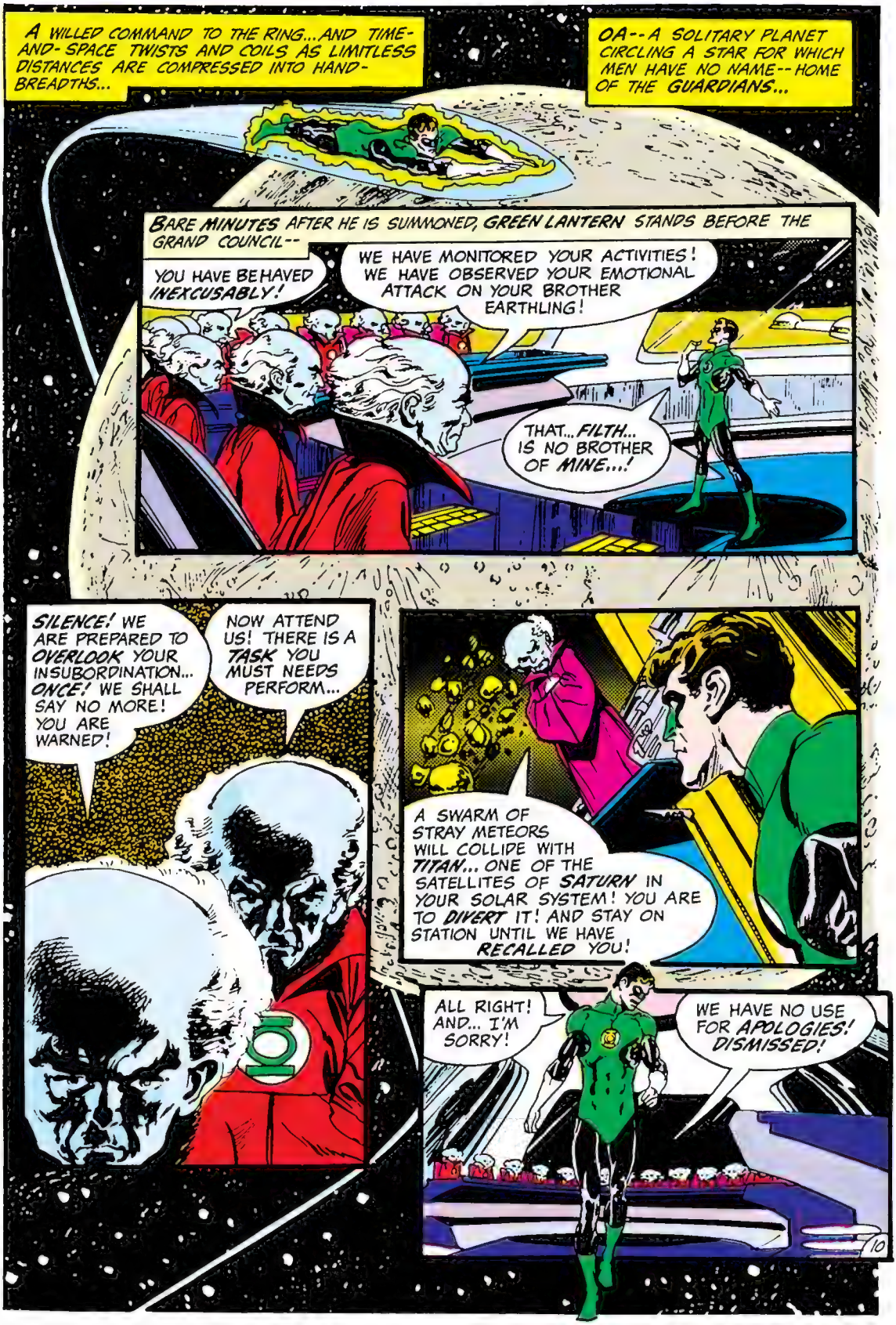
A WILLED COMMAND TO THE RING...AND TIME-AND-SPACE TWISTS AND COILS AS LIMITLESS DISTANCES ARE COMPRESSED INTO HAND-BREADTHS...
OA--A SOLITARY PLANET CIRCLING A STAR FOR WHICH MEN HAVE NO NAME--HOME OF THE GUARDIANS...
BARE MINUTES AFTER HE IS SUMMONED, GREEN LANTERN STANDS BEFORE THE GRAND COUNCIL--
YOU HAVE BEHAVED INEXCUSABLY!
WE HAVE MONITORED YOUR ACTIVITIES! WE HAVE OBSERVED YOUR EMOTIONAL ATTACK ON YOUR BROTHER EARTHLING!
THAT... FILTH... IS NO BROTHER OF MINE....!
SILENCE! WE ARE PREPARED TO OVERLOOK YOUR INSUBORDINATION... ONCE! WE SHALL SAY NO MORE! YOU ARE WARNED!
NOW ATTEND US! THERE IS A TASK YOU MUST NEEDS PERFORM...
A SWARM OF STRAY METEORS WILL COLLIDE WITH TITAN... ONE OF THE SATELLITES OF SATURN IN YOUR SOLAR SYSTEM! YOU ARE TO DIVERT IT! AND STAY ON STATION UNTIL WE HAVE RECALLED YOU!
ALL RIGHT! AND... I'M SORRY!
WE HAVE NO USE FOR APOLOGIES! DISMISSED!

ONCE AGAIN, THE RING FOLDS BACK THE UNIVERSE, AND...
THERE'S THE METEOR SHOWER... STILL A GOOD THOUSAND MILES FROM TITAN...
I WON'T EVEN WORK UP A SWEAT DIVERTING IT! A ONCE-OVER-LIGHTLY WITH A POWER BEAM...
...AND THE JOB'S DONE!
AND...IT WASN'T WORTH DOING! SATURN'S MOONS ARE SO MUCH ROCK--UNINHABITED!
THE GUARDIANS SENT ME ON A USELESS MISSION ...WHY?!
NOW, I'VE GOT TO STAY HERE... FLOATING IN SPACE LIKE A HUNK OF JETSAM!
IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE... OR DOES IT...?
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SURE... THEY SENT ME HERE TO COOL OFF!
YOU HAVE BEHAVED INEXCUSABLY...
I'VE ALWAYS HAD TOTAL FAITH IN THEIR WISDOM! AND YET...
YOU WORK FOR THE BLUE SKINS... YOU NEVER BOTHERED WITH BLACK SKINS...
NUTS! I'VE HAD THE "BLUE SKINS'" HIGH AND MIGHTY ORDER-GIVING...
I'M GOING WHERE I'M NEEDED!
AT THAT MOMENT, IN JUBAL SLADE'S LUXURIOUS QUARTERS...
WELL...ANOTHER GREENY! YOU GONNA MAKE WITH THE SOB-STORY TOO?
YEAH...I'M GONNA MAKE YOU CRY YOUR CRUDDY LITTLE HEART OUT!
YOU MAKE A LOT OF BREAD...
...AND I WANT SOME!
YOU WANT MONEY?
I KNEW YOU COULDN'T BE AS DUMB AS YOU LOOK! THE FIGURE IS 25 THOUSAND, SLADE--DOLLARS!
PUTTIN' ME ON, HUH? I MEAN... WHAT YOU GOT TO SELL?
SAFETY... THE HEALTH OF YOUR ERRAND BOYS!
SNAP
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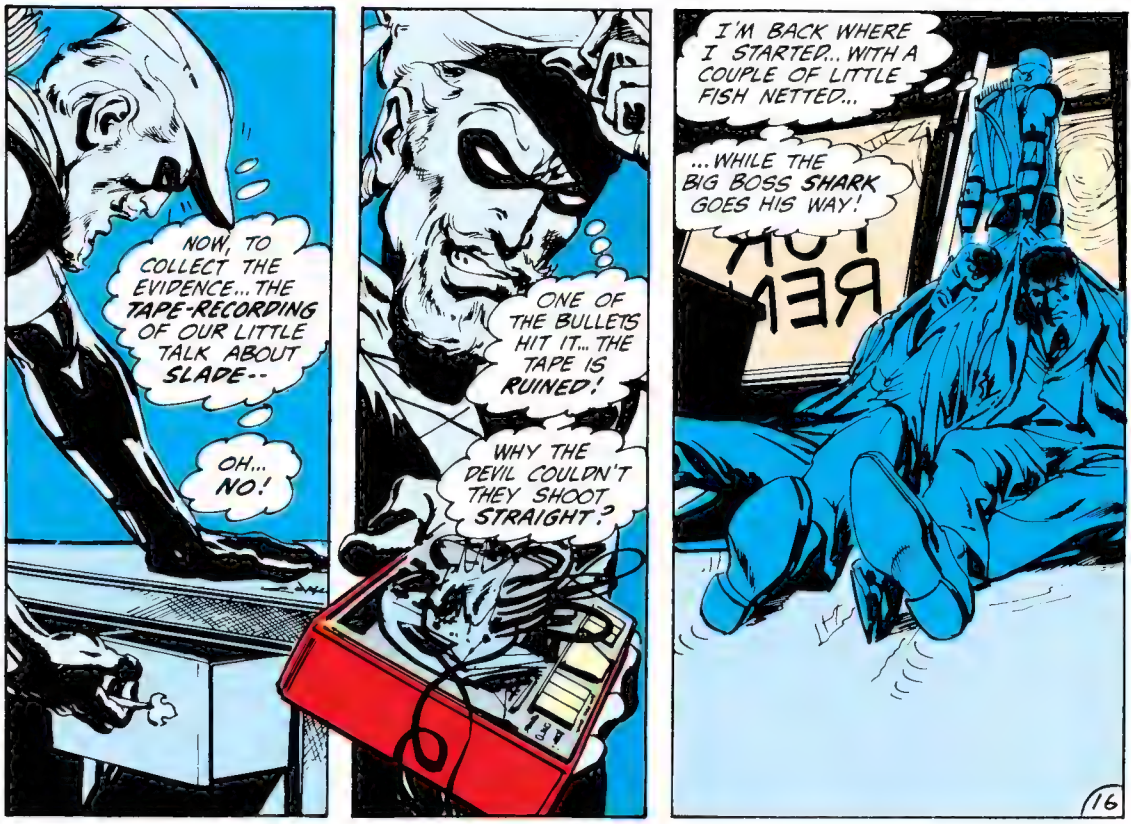
TOO QUICKLY FOR THE EYE TO FOLLOW, THE AMAZING ARCHER'S HAND BLURS TO HIS QUIVER...FITS AND LOOSES PLEXALUMINUM SHAFTS... THE FOUR TWANGS OF HIS BOW-STRING SOUND AS ONE...
WELL...YOU SEE MY POINT? IF NOT, I HAVE A FEW DOZEN OTHER POINTS...
I MEAN... AWRIGHT; ONLY I AIN'T GOT THAT MUCH CASH--
TELL YOU WHAT... LET'S MEET SOMEPLACE... SAY AT MIDNIGHT!
FINE WITH ME! I'LL BE AT 909 GRAMMERCY STREET... IT'S AN ABANDONED STORE!
SEE YOU THERE!
HE MUST HAVE EVIDENCE OF SOME OF MY UNDERWORLD ACTIVITIES, OR HE WOULDN'T HAVE PULLED THAT GRANDSTAND PLAY!
SLADE TOOK THE BAIT! NOW I CAN ONLY HOPE HE RUNS TRUE TO FORM!
I'LL CALL THE BOYS!
ONCE A THUG... ALWAYS A THUG...

AND SO, AS STAR CITY SLEEPS... ON A DARK SIDE STREET...
TOK TOK TOK TOK TOK TOK TOK TOK TOK TOK
FOR RENT
TAP TAP
KREEEEEEK
GREEN ARROW? THAT YOU?
WHERE'S SLADE?
HE SENT US... WE GOT SOMETHING FOR YOU!
FUP FUP FUP FUP
FUP FUP FUP FUP FUP
...INTO A DUMMY!
DON'T BOTHER CHECKIN' HIM! WE PUT NINE SLUGS INTO...

TRUE! AND IT'S NOT THE ONLY ONE HERE!
YOU'RE A MITE SLOW ON THE DRAW, FELLA! DON'T WORRY, THOUGH! YOU'LL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO PRACTICE...
...IN PRISON!


NOW, TO COLLECT THE EVIDENCE... THE TAPE-RECORDING OF OUR LITTLE TALK ABOUT SLADE--
OH... NO!
ONE OF THE BULLETS HIT IT... THE TAPE IS RUINED!
WHY THE DEVIL COULDN'T THEY SHOOT STRAIGHT?
I'M BACK WHERE I STARTED... WITH A COUPLE OF LITTLE FISH NETTED...
...WHILE THE BIG BOSS SHARK GOES HIS WAY!
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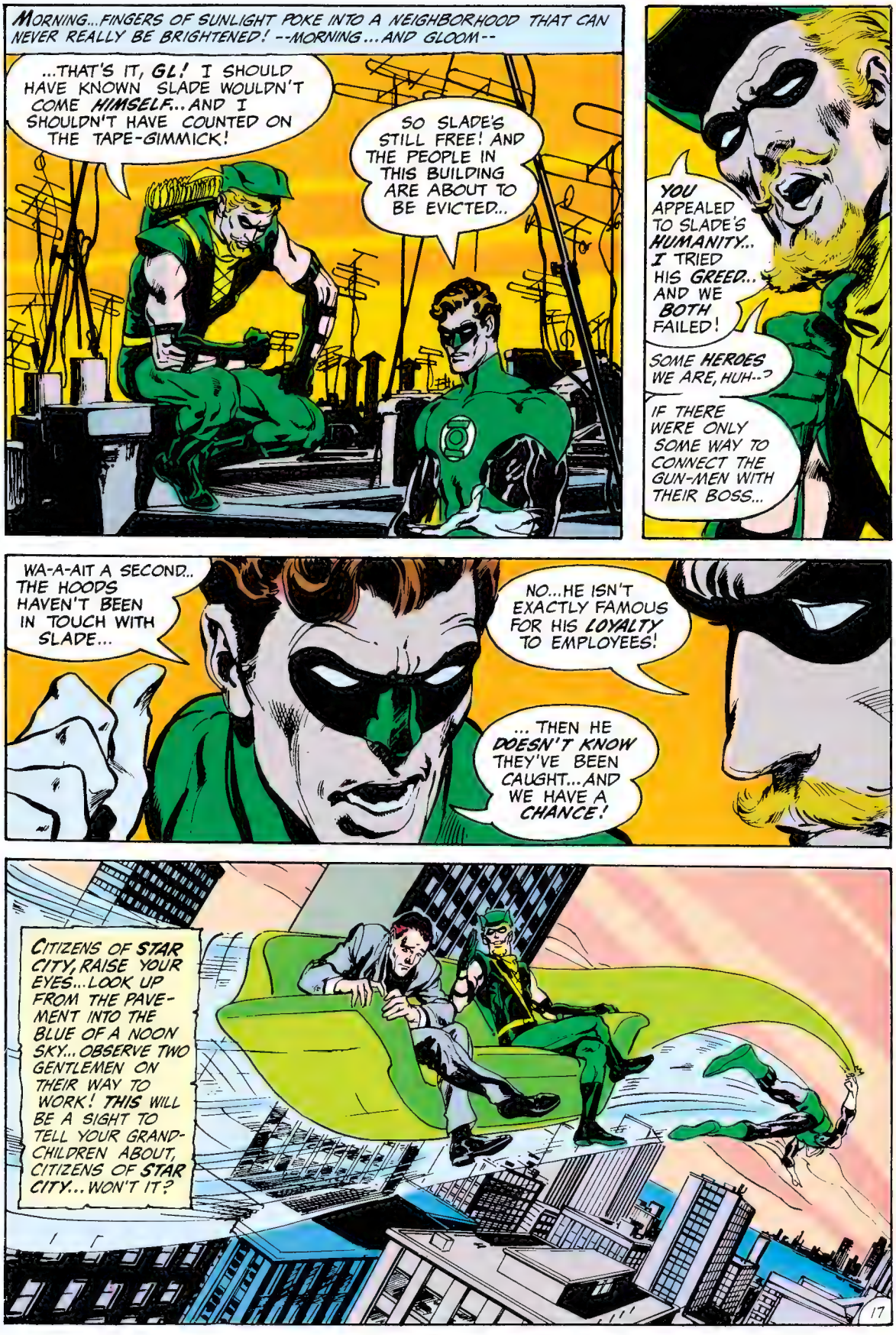
MORNING...FINGERS OF SUNLIGHT POKE INTO A NEIGHBORHOOD THAT CAN NEVER REALLY BE BRIGHTENED! --MORNING...AND GLOOM--
...THAT'S IT, GL! I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN SLADE WOULDN'T COME HIMSELF...AND I SHOULDN'T HAVE COUNTED ON THE TAPE-GIMMICK!
SO SLADE'S STILL FREE! AND THE PEOPLE IN THIS BUILDING ARE ABOUT TO BE EVICTED...
YOU APPEALED TO SLADE'S HUMANITY... I TRIED HIS GREED... AND WE BOTH FAILED!
SOME HEROES WE ARE, HUH--?
IF THERE WERE ONLY SOME WAY TO CONNECT THE GUN-MEN WITH THEIR BOSS...
WA-A-AIT A SECOND.. THE HOODS HAVEN'T BEEN IN TOUCH WITH SLADE...
NO...HE ISN'T EXACTLY FAMOUS FOR HIS LOYALTY TO EMPLOYEES!
... THEN HE DOESN'T KNOW THEY'VE BEEN CAUGHT...AND WE HAVE A CHANCE!
CITIZENS OF STAR CITY, RAISE YOUR EYES...LOOK UP FROM THE PAVEMENT INTO THE BLUE OF A NOON SKY...OBSERVE TWO GENTLEMEN ON THEIR WAY TO WORK! THIS WILL BE A SIGHT TO TELL YOUR GRANDCHILDREN ABOUT, CITIZENS OF STAR CITY...WON'T IT?

IT IS A PITY, CITIZENS, THAT YOU CAN'T BE AT JUBAL SLADE'S PENTHOUSE, EXACTLY TEN MINUTES LATER...
YOU?... IDIOT! I TOLD YOU NEVER TO COME HERE...
WHY DIDN'T YOU PHONE, LIKE I TOLD YOU TO?

WE GOT HASSLED BY THE FUZZ, BOSS! WE HADDA STAY OUTTA SIGHT!
I MEAN... DID YOU HIT HIM?
WHO, BOSS?

GREEN ARROW! DID YOU FINISH HIM?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND... FINISH?
I PAID YOU TO KILL HIM... REMEMBER?

OH... DID YOU? HOW INTERESTING!
G-GREEN LANTERN--!? I MEAN... YOU FIGURE YOU'RE PRETTY BLASTED CLEVER! WELL... YOU CAN'T PROVE A THING!

GREEN LANTERN WON'T HAVE TO PROVE ANYTHING! THAT'S MY JOB!
JEREMY TINE... DISTRICT ATTORNEY!
NEED I ADD THAT YOU'RE UNDER ARREST?
BACK OFF, TINE!
THIS'S MORE THAN A PAPER WEIGHT... IT'S LIVE!
SNAK
...I'M GOING...! AND ANYONE TRIES TO STOP ME IS GONNA BE BLOWN TO SCRAPS!
I'LL DIE BEFORE I'LL LOSE MY FREEDOM!
YOU IMPRESSED, GL?
NOT ESPECIALLY! STILL, THE WINDBAG MAY NOT BE BLUFFING!
I MIGHT AS WELL TAKE CARE OF HIM! NO TROUBLE--

KA-SL-!
FLIK
V-VOOM
I'LL BE DARNED... HE WASN'T BLUFFING!
AMAZING! I WOULD'VE SWORN HE WASN'T ABLE TO SPEAK THE TRUTH! YOU LEARN SOMETHING NEW EVERY DAY!
I'VE BEEN TRYING TO NAIL THIS... AH... RAT FOR YEARS!
I COULDN'T PIN ANYTHING ON HIM... UNTIL NOW, GREEN LANTERN... GREEN ARROW...
...ON BEHALF OF STAR CITY, I THANK YOU!
OUR PLEASURE, MR. TINE!
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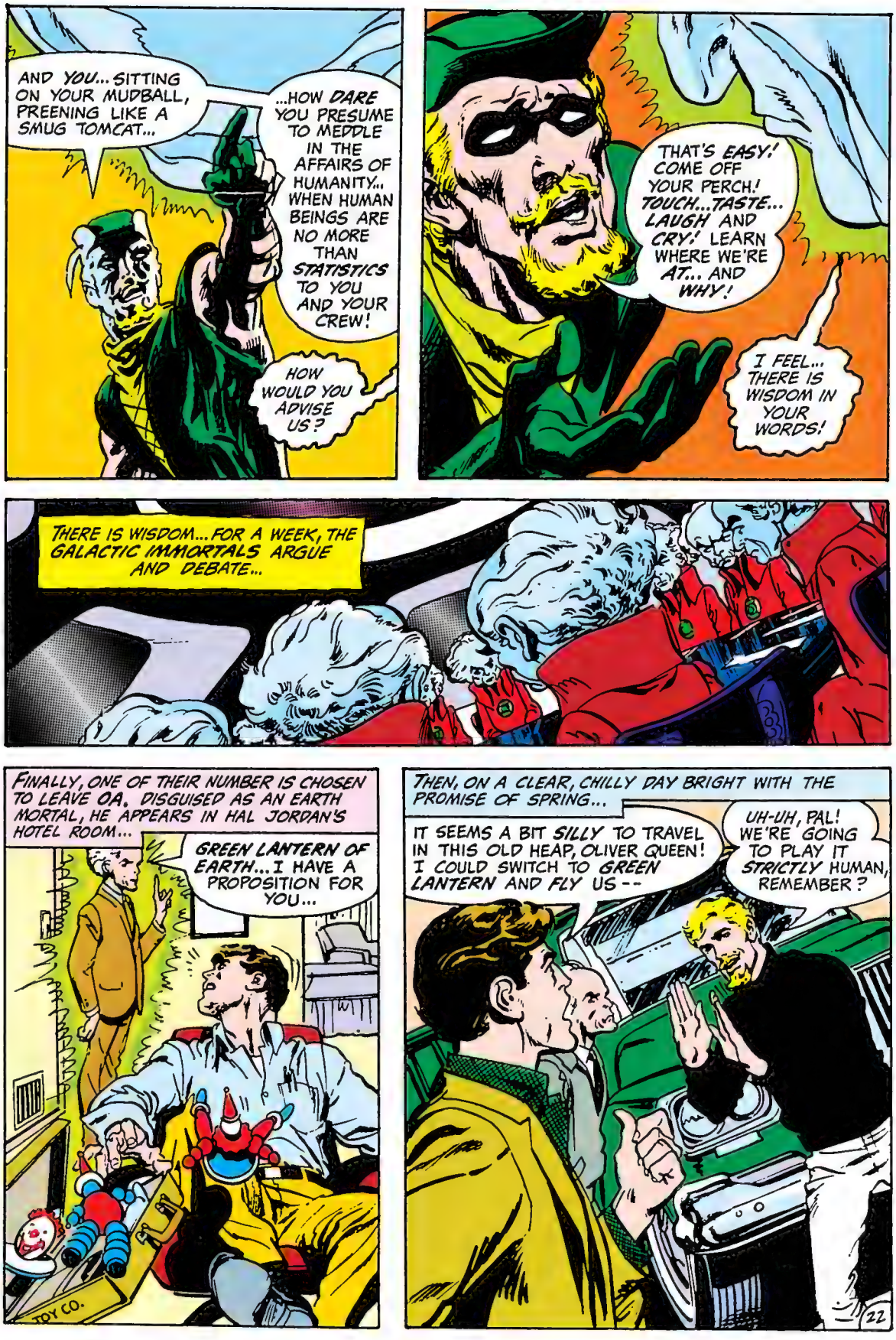
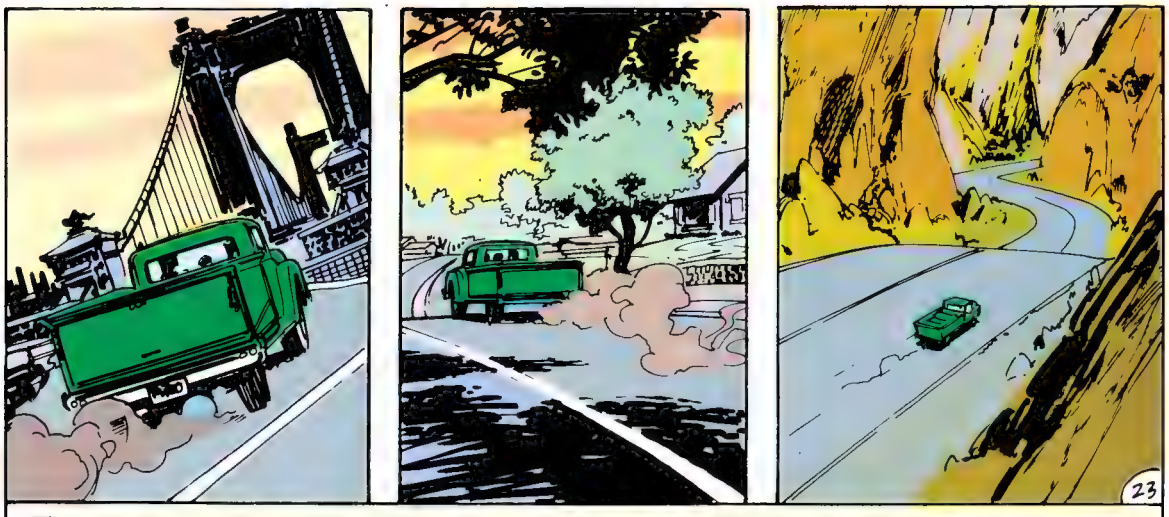
THE END OF THE ADVENTURE? YES... BUT WE PROPHESIED THAT OUR STORY WAS NOT A HAPPY ONE! AND INDEED IT IS NOT... FOR THERE REMAINS A VERY IMPORTANT EPILOGUE!

EPILOGUE
GREEN LANTERN OF EARTH! HEED ME--HEED MY ANGER! YOU HAVE BEEN INSUBORDINATE! YOU DISOBEYED OUR ORDERS!
WE COMMANDED YOU TO REMAIN ON STATION UNTIL WE DECREED YOUR TASK COMPLETED!
I...I'M SORRY...
THAT'S RIGHT, LANTERN... APOLOGIZE! GROVEL IN FRONT OF THAT WALKING MUMMY!
YOU CALL YOURSELF A HERO! CHUM... YOU DON'T EVEN QUALIFY AS A MAN!
YOU'RE NO MORE THAN A PUPPET... AND THE GUARDIANS PULL YOUR STRINGS!
LISTEN... FORGET ABOUT CHASING AROUND THE GALAXY!... AND REMEMBER AMERICA...
...IT'S A GOOD COUNTRY.. BEAUTIFUL ...FERTILE... AND TERRIBLY SICK!
THERE ARE CHILDREN DYING... HONEST PEOPLE COWERING IN FEAR... DISILLUSIONED KIDS RIPPING UP CAMPUSES...
ON THE STREETS OF MEMPHIS A GOOD BLACK MAN DIED.. AND IN LOS ANGELES, A GOOD WHITE MAN FELL...
SOMETHING IS WRONG! SOMETHING IS KILLING US ALL...! SOME HIDEOUS MORAL CANCER IS ROTTING OUR VERY SOULS!


AND YOU... SITTING ON YOUR MUDBALL, PREENING LIKE A SMUG TOMCAT...
...HOW DARE YOU PRESUME TO MEDDLE IN THE AFFAIRS OF HUMANITY... WHEN HUMAN BEINGS ARE NO MORE THAN STATISTICS TO YOU AND YOUR CREW!
HOW WOULD YOU ADVISE US?
THAT'S EASY! COME OFF YOUR PERCH! TOUCH...TASTE... LAUGH AND CRY! LEARN WHERE WE'RE AT... AND WHY!
I FEEL... THERE IS WISDOM IN YOUR WORDS!
THERE IS WISDOM... FOR A WEEK, THE GALACTIC IMMORTALS ARGUE AND DEBATE...
FINALLY, ONE OF THEIR NUMBER IS CHOSEN TO LEAVE OA. DISGUISED AS AN EARTH MORTAL, HE APPEARS IN HAL JORDAN'S HOTEL ROOM...
GREEN LANTERN OF EARTH... I HAVE A PROPOSITION FOR YOU...
TOY CO.
THEN, ON A CLEAR, CHILLY DAY BRIGHT WITH THE PROMISE OF SPRING...
IT SEEMS A BIT SILLY TO TRAVEL IN THIS OLD HEAP, OLIVER QUEEN! I COULD SWITCH TO GREEN LANTERN AND FLY US --
UH-UH, PAL! WE'RE GOING TO PLAY IT STRICTLY HUMAN, REMEMBER?



THREE SET OUT TOGETHER, MOVING THROUGH CITIES AND VILLAGES AND THE MAJESTY OF THE WILDERNESS... SEARCHING FOR A SPECIAL KIND OF TRUTH... SEARCHING FOR THEMSELVES...

STOP!
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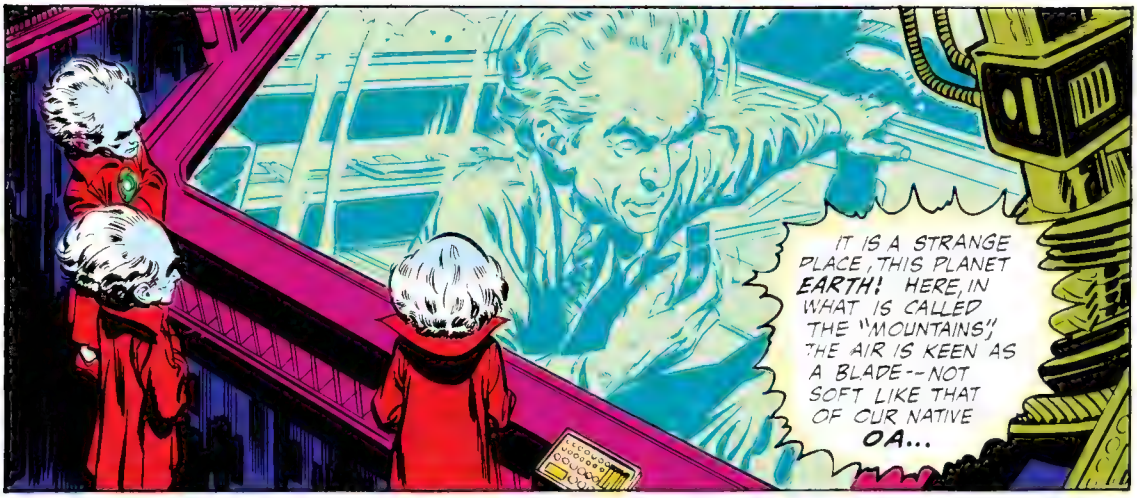
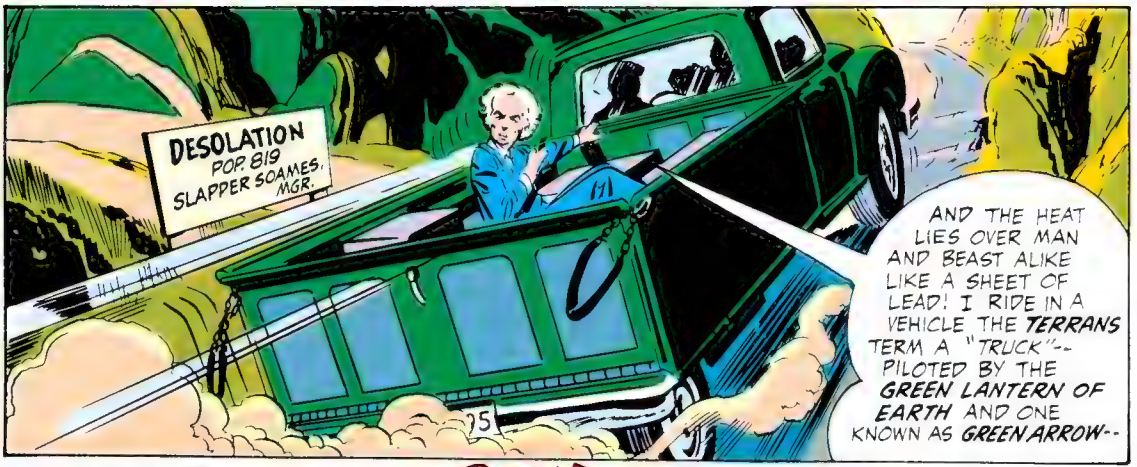
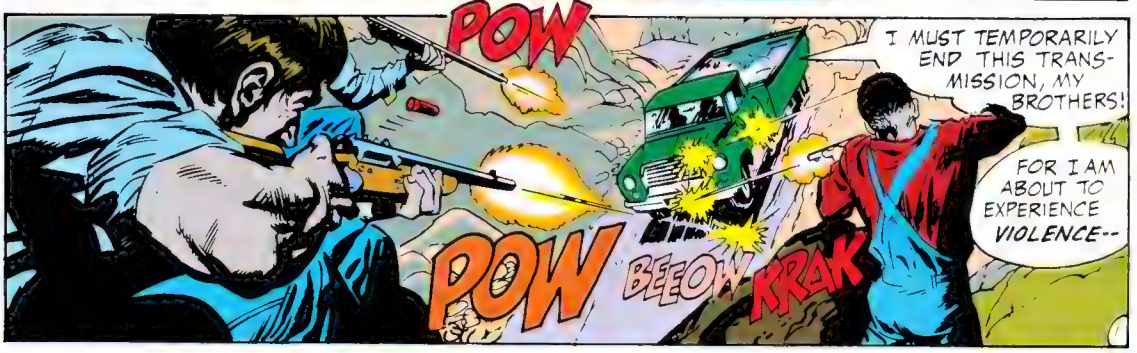
CO-STARRING
GREEN ARROW
LET'S SEE YUH BE A HERO WITHOUT YOUR POWER RING!
IN THE HEART OF AMERICA--A WAR ZONE!







THREE MEN SEARCHING FOR AMERICA! ONE, A MEMBER OF THE **GALACTIC GUARDIANS**, AWAY FROM THE SECURITY OF HIS HOME WORLD... THE OTHERS, CREATURES OF **EARTH**, SEEKING AN ANSWER, A CREED, AN IDENTITY! COME WITH...

GREEN LANTERN and GREEN ARROW

ON A

"JOURNEY TO DESOLATION!"

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SPEE ANG
BEEOW
ZING
BEEONG
VIIP
SPANG
BLAM
POW
SPEEANG
READY, PAL?
YOU BET YOUR FERN!
EEEYOW!
GL--UP THERE!
RIIIIGHT!
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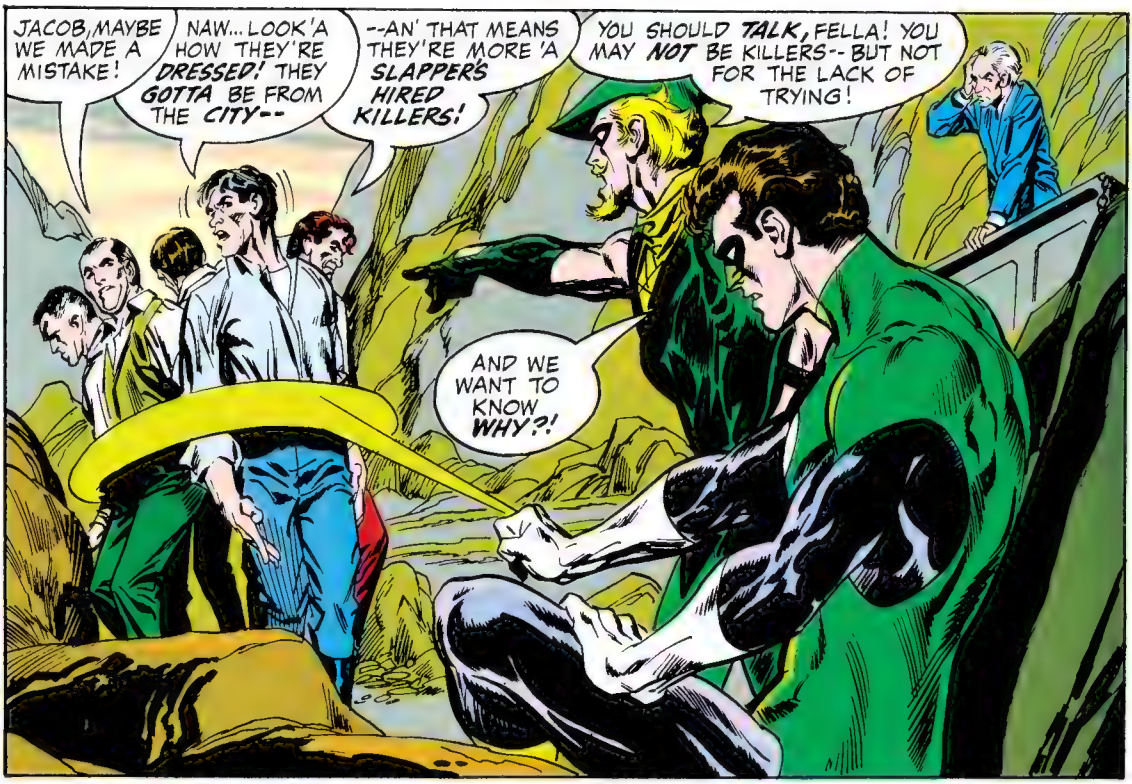
MY POWER BEAM... ISN'T REACHING!
TWANG
SOMETIMES THE OLD WAYS ARE THE BEST WAYS--OR AT LEAST THE MOST DEPENDABLE!
BLAM
THUNK
FIGHT'S OVER! HAUL 'EM IN...
I'M CURIOUS... ARE MOUNTAIN FOLK ALWAYS SO INHOSPITABLE--
--OR DO THEY JUST HAVE A THING ABOUT TRAVELING SUPER-HEROES!?


JACOB, MAYBE WE MADE A MISTAKE!
NAW... LOOK 'A HOW THEY'RE DRESSED! THEY GOTTA BE FROM THE CITY--
--AN' THAT MEANS THEY'RE MORE 'A SLAPPER'S HIRED KILLERS!
YOU SHOULD TALK, FELLA! YOU MAY NOT BE KILLERS-- BUT NOT FOR THE LACK OF TRYING!
AND WE WANT TO KNOW WHY?!

DON'T TRUST 'EM, JACOB!
'PEARS WE GOTTA! IF THEY BELONG TO SLAPPER, WE DEAD ANYWAY!
LISTEN HEAH, MISTER! AH'M GONNA TELL YA WHAT YA STUMBLED INTO--AN' IT'S A STORY AS 'LL CURL YOUR TOES!

THIS TOWN--THIS WHOLE BLAMED MOUNTAIN--IS RUN BY MR. SLAPPER SOAMES...AN' IF'N EVER THERE WAS A MEANER MAN, I DON'T WANNA KNOW 'BOUT HIM...
Y'SEE, WE ALL WORK IN SLAPPER'S MINE...MOSTLY, 'CAUSE WE DON'T KNOW ANY OTHER KIND 'A WORK, AN' EVEN IF WE DID, THERE AIN'T NONE AROUND--

SLAPPER RUNS THE MINE--AN' HE ***OWNS*** THE LAW, SUCH AS IT IS... A BUNCH OF BULLY-BOYS HE BRUNG IN FROM OUTSIDE AN' DRESSED UP IN FANCY UNIFORMS...

CHOK

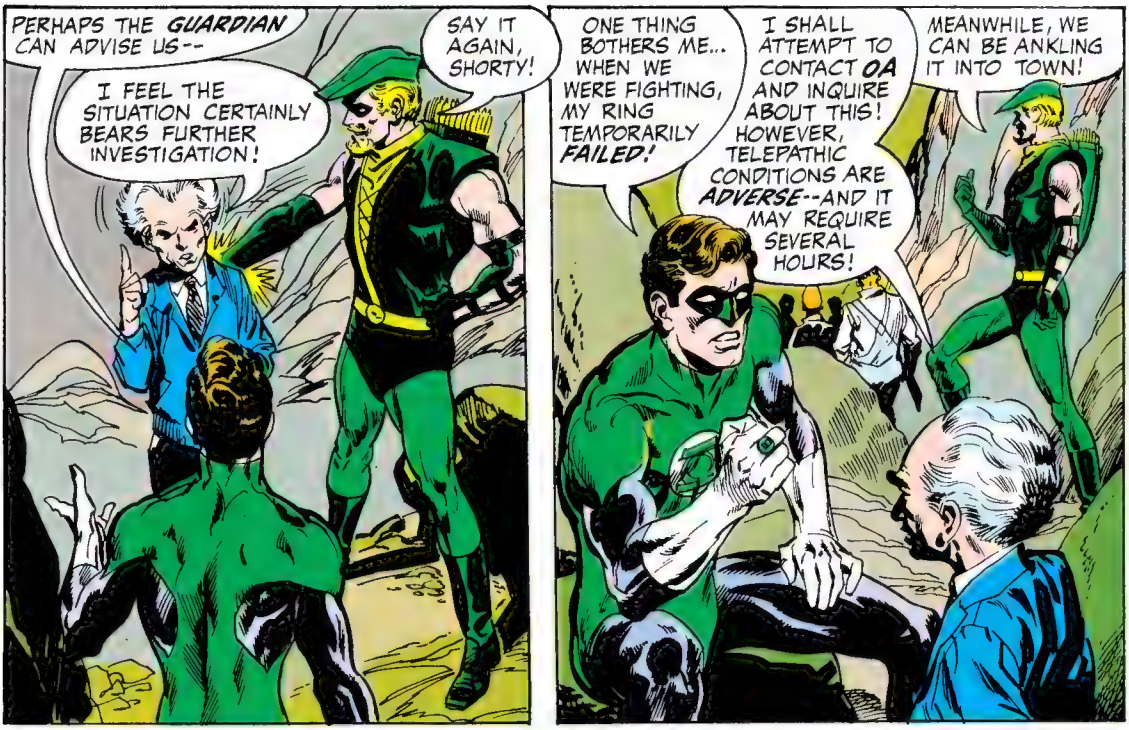
WE PLAIN FOLK, SCRATCHIN' OUT A LIVIN' WHERE MAYBE SMARTER ONES WOULD GIVE UP...BUT DANG IT, THIS B'LONGS TO ***US***, LIKE IT B'LONGED TO OUR DADDIES AN' GRAND-DADDIES...

WE JUST PLAIN DIDN'T TAKE TO SLAPPER'S GUNMEN SHOVIN' US ROUND...BUT WE DIDN'T KNOW ANY WAY OF ***FIGHTIN'*** EM...

THEN, ONE OF OUR LOCAL BOYS NAME OF ***JOHNNY WALDEN*** TAUGHT HISSELF TO PLAY ON THE GUITAR...STARTED SINGIN' SONGS 'BOUT US AN' OUR TROUBLES...AND SUDDENLY, WE FOUND SOME SELF-RESPECT...AN' A WHOLE LOTTA DISCONTENT WITH THE WAY WE BEEN TREATED...

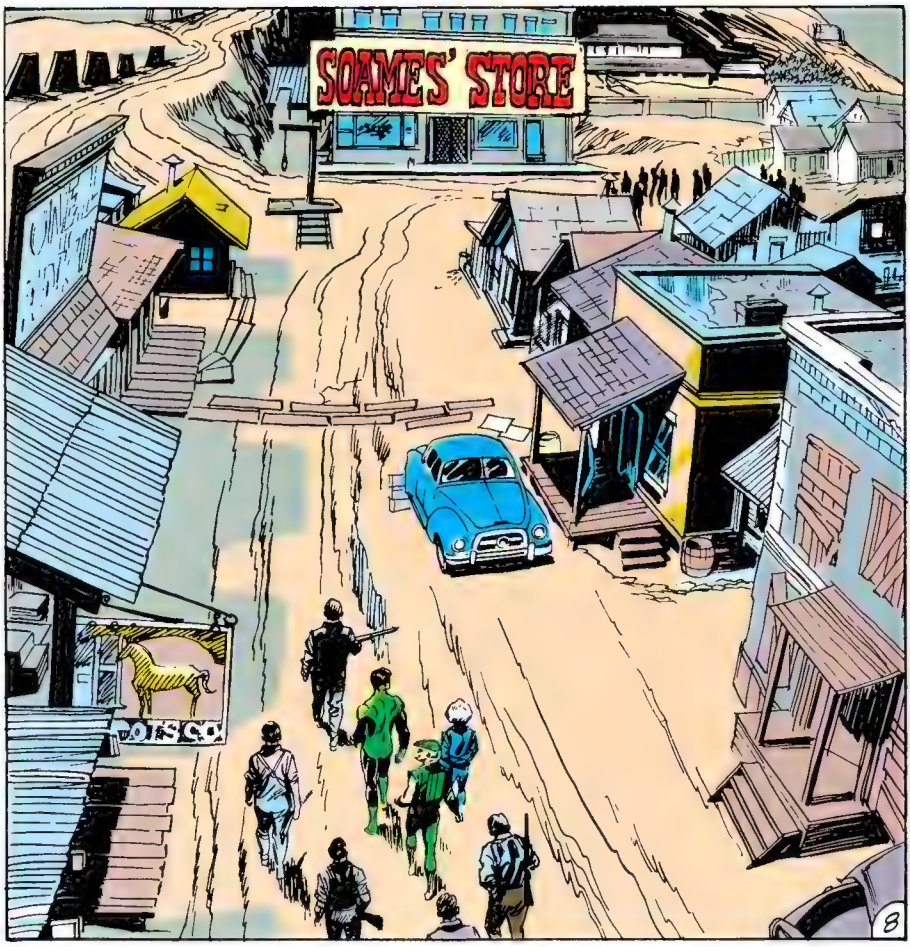
WE BEEN A LONG WAY COMIN', GOT A WAYS TO GO, BUT WE CAN END THE TROUBLE, OUR CRYIN' CHILDREN'S WOE... DON'T YOU KNOW. BOYS, DON'T YOU KNOW... DON'T YOU KNOW...

"IT WAS ONE WEEK LAS' MONDAY, SLAPPER'S BULLIES DRAGGED JOHNNY AWAY..."
"THEY RIGGED A KANGAROO COURT... AND SLAPPER, PERSONAL, SENTENCED JOHNNY TO... HANG!"
THAT'S GONNA HAPPEN TOMORROW-- AT DAWN... 'LESS WE STOP IT! AN' WE'RE GONNA--
WE'RE GONNA JUMP SLAPPER'S PLACE TONIGHT!
YOU BLASTED AT US BECAUSE YOU MISTOOK US FOR MORE HOODS, HUH?
WELL, MISTER, YOU WERE WRONG!
YOU'RE ABOUT TO GET SOME FIRST-CLASS HELP!-- EXPERIENCE GUARANTEED!
HOLD ON, GREEN ARROW! THIS IS NONE OF OUR BUSINESS... IF THIS SOAMES IS REALLY IN CHARGE--
OH, BOY! NOW I'VE HEARD IT ALL... BECAUSE SOAMES MUSCLED HIS WAY INTO AUTHORITY, HE'S A GOOD GUY, HUH?
PAL, HITLER WAS THE "BOSS" OF GERMANY, REMEMBER? AND THERE WAS GENGHIS KHAN, NERO...
THROUGH-OUT HISTORY, CHEAP PUNKS HAVE MADE THEMSELVES LEADERS! REGARDLESS OF THEIR TITLES, THEY WERE STILL CHEAP PUNKS!

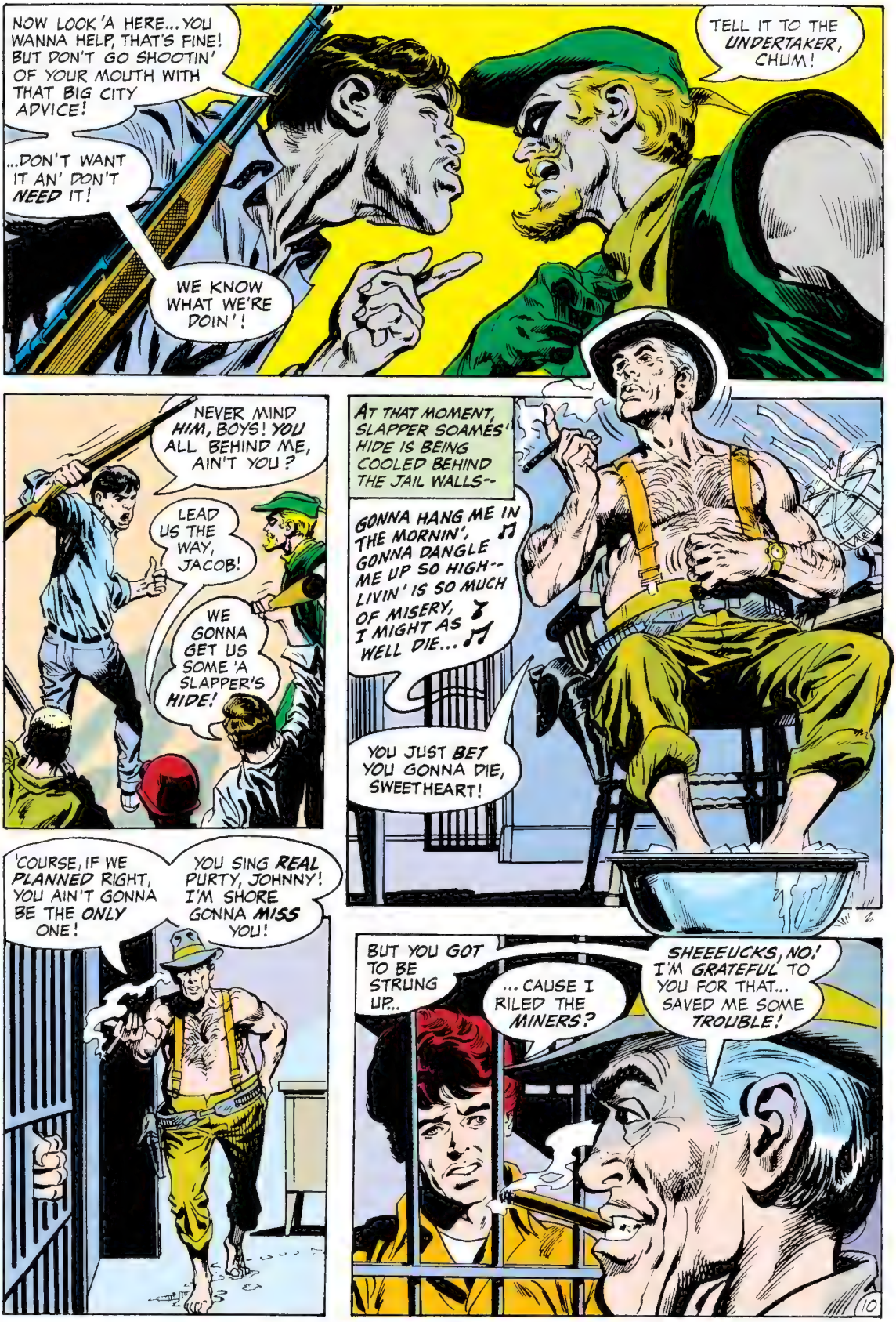


DESOLATION...

A TINY HAMLET NESTLED BETWEEN TWO DUN-COLORED MOUNTAINS... A PLACE WHERE POVERTY IS THE NORM, AND TEARS ARE MORE PLENTIFUL THAN BREAD... WHERE WOMEN'S VOICES SOUND LIKE THE KEENING WIND AND MEN SELDOM SPEAK... AND CHILDREN QUICKLY LEARN THAT LIFE IS UNENDING MISERY AND DEATH IS MERCIFUL...



WE READY, JACOB!
YOU GIVE US THE WORD, WE'LL GO AFTER SLAPPER!
GOOD! BOYS, I GOT US SOME HELP! THESE FELLAS ARE PURE DEVILS WHEN IT COMES TO FIGHTIN'--
WHERE IS THIS GUY, SOAMES?
UP THERE, BEHIND HIS STORE!
AND YOU FIGURE TO ATTACK THAT WITH CLUBS AND PITCHFORKS?
YOU ARE OUT OF YOUR MINDS! SOAMES HAS BUILT A BLASTED FORT--
GO GET A FEW TANKS AND A COUPLE OF ARTILLERY REGIMENTS... THEN MAYBE YOU'LL HAVE A CHANCE!
OTHERWISE, YOU'LL BE WIPED OUT BEFORE YOU GET STARTED!


NOW LOOK 'A HERE... YOU WANNA HELP, THAT'S FINE! BUT DON'T GO SHOOTIN' OF YOUR MOUTH WITH THAT BIG CITY ADVICE!
...DON'T WANT IT AN' DON'T NEED IT!
WE KNOW WHAT WE'RE DOIN'!
TELL IT TO THE UNDERTAKER, CHUM!
NEVER MIND HIM, BOYS! YOU ALL BEHIND ME, AIN'T YOU?
LEAD US THE WAY, JACOB!
WE GONNA GET US SOME 'A SLAPPER'S HIDE!
AT THAT MOMENT, SLAPPER SOAMES' HIDE IS BEING COOLED BEHIND THE JAIL WALLS--
GONNA HANG ME IN THE MORNIN', GONNA DANGLE ME UP SO HIGH-- LIVIN' IS SO MUCH OF MISERY, I MIGHT AS WELL DIE...
YOU JUST BET YOU GONNA DIE, SWEETHEART!
'COURSE, IF WE PLANNED RIGHT, YOU AIN'T GONNA BE THE ONLY ONE!
YOU SING REAL PURTY, JOHNNY! I'M SHORE GONNA MISS YOU!
BUT YOU GOT TO BE STRUNG UP...
... CAUSE I RILED THE MINERS?
SHEEEUCKS, NO! I'M GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR THAT... SAVED ME SOME TROUBLE!

NO... PROBLEM WITH YOU IS, YOU'RE THE WANDERIN' KIND! A YEAR, MAYBE TWO, YOU'D LEAVE DESOLATION--
...AN' WITH YOUR TALENT, YOU'D GET NOTICED! MAYBE EVEN FAMOUS LIKE THAT OTHER SINGER... THAT DYLAN FELLA!
AN' THEN REPORTERS AN' WHATNOT WOULD COME SNOOPIN' 'ROUND...
AN' WE DON'T WANT OUTSIDERS IN THESE HERE PARTS!
'CAUSE OUTSIDERS'D SEE HOW YOU TREAT FOLKS... LIKE SLAVES...
AIN'T THAT THE... HEE... EVERLOVIN' TRUTH?
THE PEASANTS PREPARE AN ATTACK, LEADER!
FINE! GIVE THE BOYS THE WORD AN' REMEMBER-- ONLY KILL 'BOUT A THIRD OF THEM! THE REST GOTTA BE BACK TO WORK IN THE MORNIN'!
AN' KNOCK OFF THAT LEADER STUFF! YOU AIN'T STILL WORKIN' FOR ADOLF!
MEANWHILE, IN A SECLUDED SPOT AT THE FOOT OF THE HILL...
IN BRIGHTEST DAY, IN BLACKEST NIGHT, NO EVIL SHALL ESCAPE MY SIGHT!
LET THOSE WHO WORSHIP EVIL'S MIGHT, BEWARE MY POWER-- GREEN LANTERN'S LIGHT!
I USED TO SPEAK THAT OATH WITH PRIDE... WITH CONVICTION! BUT NOW... I'M NOT CONVINCED OF ANYTHING!
THE WORLD ISN'T THE BLACK-AND-WHITE PLACE I THOUGHT IT TO BE-- ONCE, I MIGHT HAVE FOUGHT FOR SOAMES! BUT GREEN ARROW HAS MADE ME THINK THAT MAYBE AUTHORITY ISN'T ALWAYS RIGHT--
AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS JUST!
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ARE WE GOING TO HELP THEM... OR NOT?
HELP THEM COMMIT SUICIDE? NOT THIS ARCHER!
ALL SET, BOYS? THEN-- CHARGE!
AT JACOB'S COMMAND, THE RAGGED TROOPS BEGIN RUNNING TOWARD SOAMES' STRONGHOLD--
--ACROSS A FIELD SEEDED WITH DEADLY LAND MINES! SOME DIE IMMEDIATELY...
BLAM
...OTHERS LIVE TO FACE A WITHERING STORM OF HEAVY CALIBER MACHINE-GUN FIRE--
CHUCKETA CHUCKETA
BEEOW
ZING
BEEOW
THAT DIRTY... DIRTY... DIRTY...

C'MON! I CAN'T JUST STAND BY AND WATCH THEM BE SLAUGHTERED! I'M GOING...
AND I'LL BE RIGHT ON YOUR HEELS!
KRAK
BEEOW
BEEOW
I'LL GIVE THEM SOME COVER...A SMOKE-SCREEN!
ZING ZING ZING
MY RING CAN GET RID OF THOSE EXPLOSIVES-- INSTANTLY!
THOOM
BARAM
NEXT, I'LL CLEAR A PATH--
SNIK

SOME OF SOAMES' THUGS... THEY THINK I CAN'T SEE THEM THROUGH THE SMOKE...
--PLANNING TO BUSHWHACK ME! I'LL LET THEM HAVE THEIR FUN--
--IT'LL SPOOK THEM CLEAR OUT OF THEIR SKULLS WHEN MY RING AUTOMATICALLY PROTECTS ME FROM THEIR BULLETS!
ATTENTION, GREEN LANTERN OF EARTH! I HAVE ESTABLISHED TELEPATHIC CONTACT WITH OA IN THE MATTER OF YOUR RING--
ALTHOUGH THE GUARDIANS KNOW NOT WHY YOUR RING PARTIALLY FAILED, THEY HAVE REACHED ANOTHER DECISION...
--BECAUSE YOU ARE ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM YOUR REGULAR DUTIES--
THEY HAVE REDUCED YOUR RING'S POTENCY! IT NO LONGER GUARDS YOU FROM MORTAL INJURY!

HOW MANY THOUGHTS CAN SEAR A MAN'S MIND IN THE SECOND HE REALIZES HE IS FACING DEATH...?
SO THE GUARDIANS HAVE FINKED OUT ON ME BECAUSE I NO LONGER RUN ERRANDS FOR THEM--
BUT I WAS CHOSEN FOR MY JOB BECAUSE I'M SUPPOSED TO BE BRAVE--COURAGE IS EASY WHEN YOU CAN'T DIE!
THE RING IS CONSTANTLY PLAYING MOTHER HEN! SO...AM I REALLY COURAGEOUS--?
TO HECK WITH THE RING--
SPOCK
BAM
AH! TO BE ABLE TO PROVE MYSELF AGAIN--
ACH!
...TO FACE DANGER ALONE... AND TO BEST IT BY MY OWN STRENGTH! EVER SINCE I JOINED THE LANTERN CORPS...
OOOMPH!
...SOMETHING'S BEEN MISSING FROM MY LIFE... SOMETHING CALLED SELF-RELIANCE!
WOK
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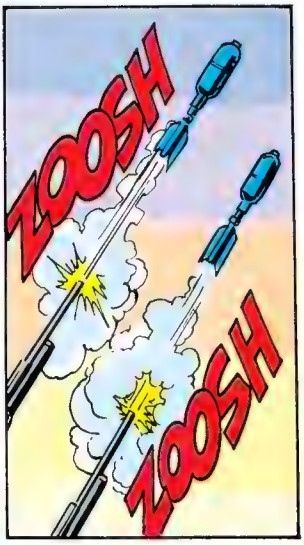
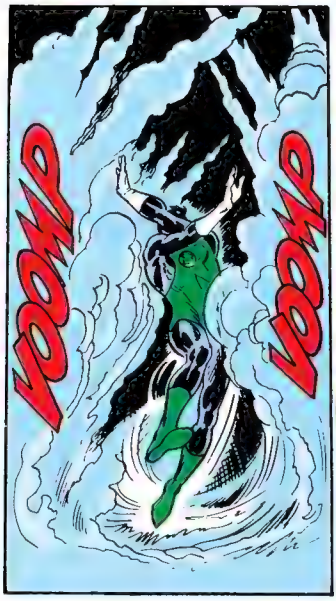
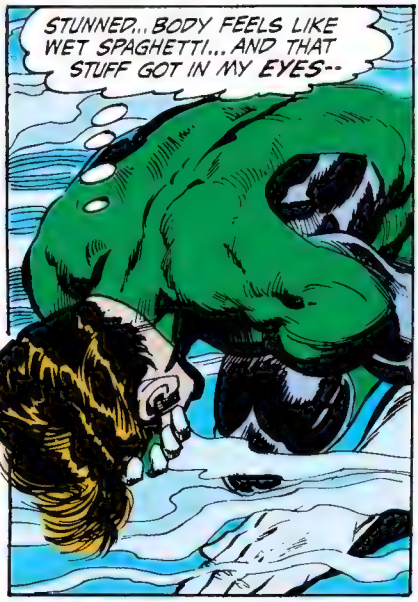
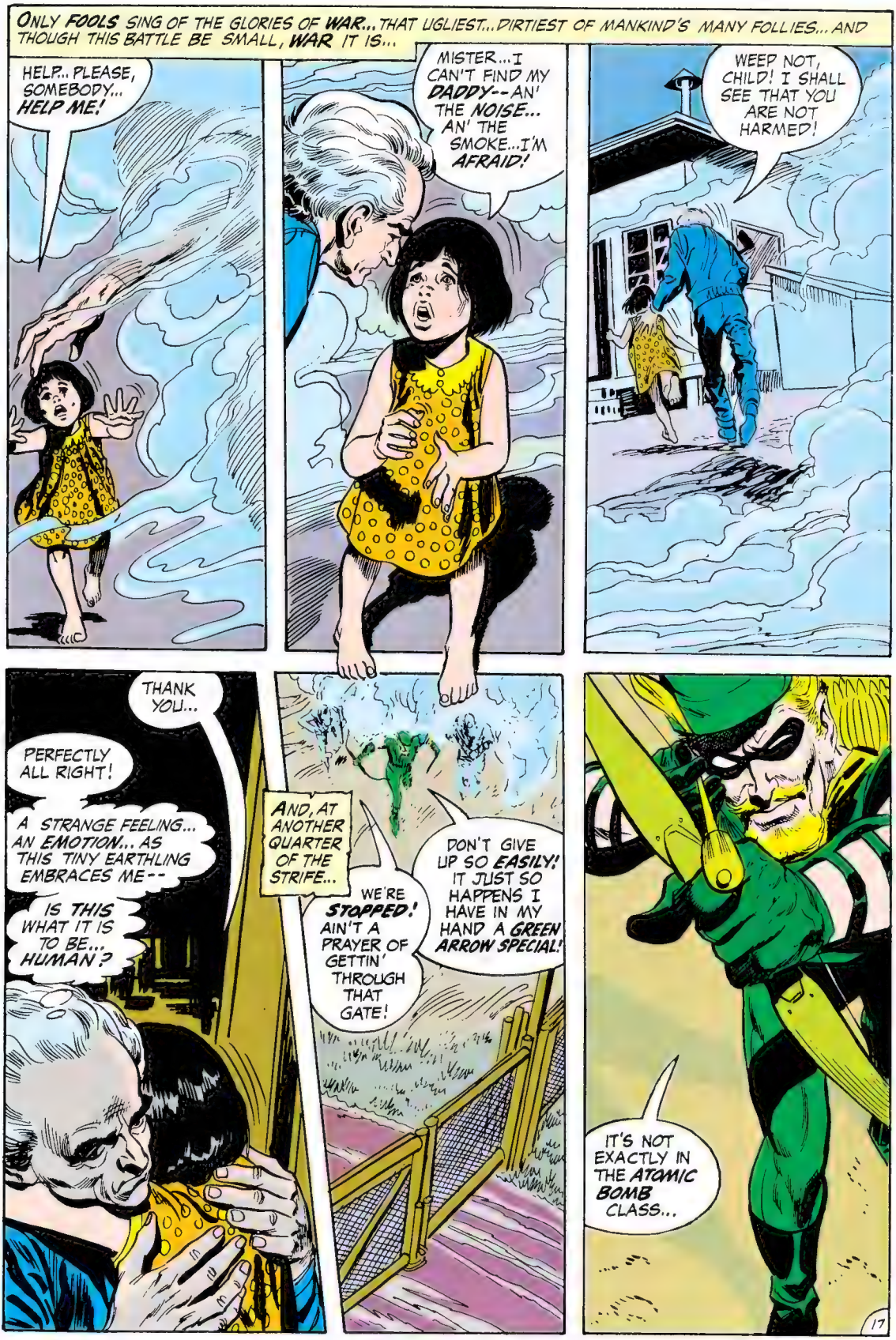






THUS, GREEN LANTERN STUMBLES BLINDLY OVER THE BLASTED GROUND, HELPLESS, ALONE...


ONLY FOOLS SING OF THE GLORIES OF WAR... THAT UGLIEST... DIRTIEST OF MANKIND'S MANY FOLLIES... AND THOUGH THIS BATTLE BE SMALL, WAR IT IS...
HELP... PLEASE, SOMEBODY... HELP ME!
MISTER... I CAN'T FIND MY DADDY--AN' THE NOISE... AN' THE SMOKE... I'M AFRAID!
WEEP NOT, CHILD! I SHALL SEE THAT YOU ARE NOT HARMED!
THANK YOU...
PERFECTLY ALL RIGHT!
A STRANGE FEELING... AN EMOTION... AS THIS TINY EARTHLING EMBRACES ME--
IS THIS WHAT IT IS TO BE... HUMAN?
AND, AT ANOTHER QUARTER OF THE STRIFE...
WE'RE STOPPED! AIN'T A PRAYER OF GETTIN' THROUGH THAT GATE!
DON'T GIVE UP SO EASILY! IT JUST SO HAPPENS I HAVE IN MY HAND A GREEN ARROW SPECIAL!
IT'S NOT EXACTLY IN THE ATOMIC BOMB CLASS...
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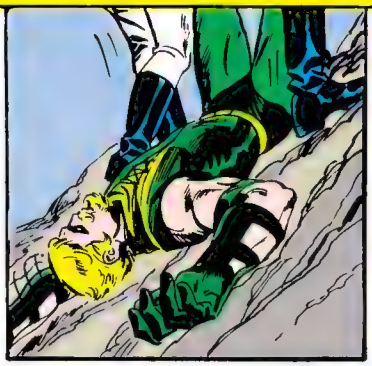
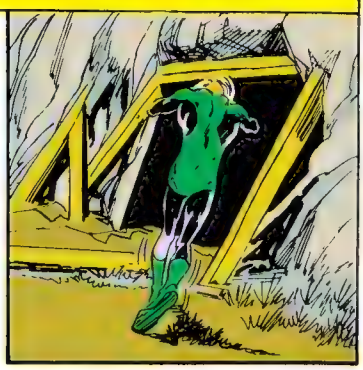
VLOOM
...BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, IT'LL BEAT ANY FIRE-CRACKER YOU EVER SAW!
TODAY'S FUN AND GAMES PUTS ME IN MIND OF ANOTHER BOWMAN... NAME OF ROBIN HOOD!
HE DIDN'T DIG TYRANTS, EITHER!
MY ARM...!
VIIP
VIIP
ZING
HIT THE DIRT--ANOTHER MACHINE GUN...!
I'VE GOT TO MAKE THIS-- COUNT--
SNIK
TAK-ATA
DEAD CENTER!
NICE WORK, IF I DO SAY SO MYSEL...

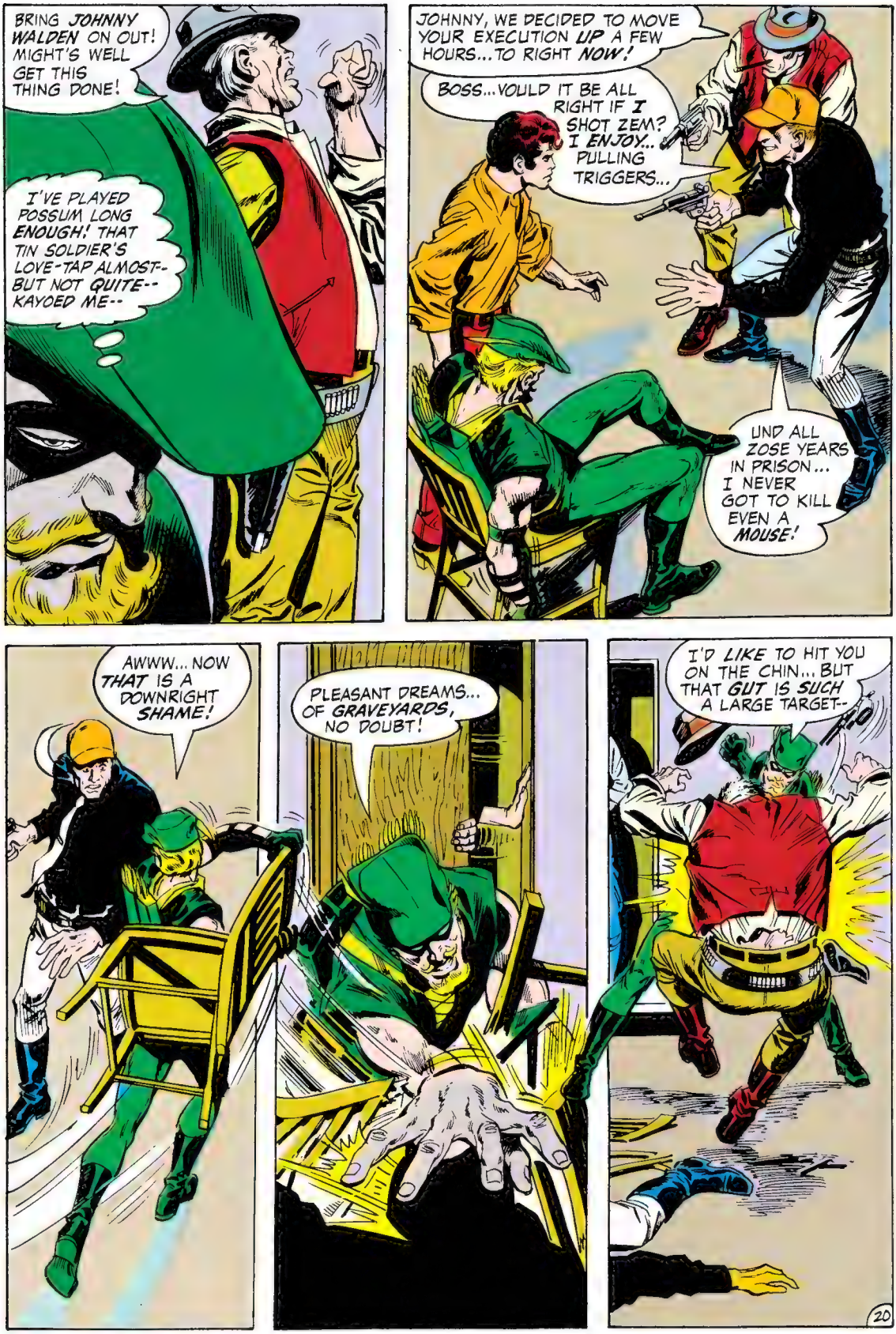
WAR IS THE GREAT DIVIDER...IT SPLITS AND SUNDERS AND SEPARATES! ONE BATTLEFIELD HAS MANY PARTS, SEPARATED BY BLOODSHED. THIS BATTLEFIELD HAS GIVEN A SPARK OF HUMANITY TO AN IMMORTAL SAVANT... MORTAL PERIL TO A VALIANT ARCHER...AND THE HIDEOUS WANDERING OF THE WOUNDED TO HIS COMPANION...





FOR, STILL DAZED, GREEN LANTERN'S AIMLESS BOOTS CARRY HIM INTO THE MOUTH OF A DESERTED MINE...INTO THE DARKNESS OF THE DOOMED...

...WHILE GREEN ARROW IS DELIVERED TO THE UNTENDER MERCIES OF SLAPPER SOAMES...


BRING JOHNNY WALDEN ON OUT! MIGHT'S WELL GET THIS THING DONE!
I'VE PLAYED POSSUM LONG ENOUGH! THAT TIN SOLDIER'S LOVE-TAP ALMOST-- BUT NOT QUITE-- KAYOED ME--
JOHNNY, WE DECIDED TO MOVE YOUR EXECUTION UP A FEW HOURS...TO RIGHT NOW!
BOSS...VOULD IT BE ALL RIGHT IF I SHOT ZEM? I ENJOY.. PULLING TRIGGERS...
UND ALL ZOSE YEARS IN PRISON... I NEVER GOT TO KILL EVEN A MOUSE!
AWWW... NOW THAT IS A DOWNRIGHT SHAME!
PLEASANT DREAMS... OF GRAVEYARDS, NO DOUBT!
I'D LIKE TO HIT YOU ON THE CHIN... BUT THAT GUT IS SUCH A LARGE TARGET--
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CHOK
WELL... 'BOUT TIME YOU GOT HERE!
JACOB--!? I DON'T UNDERSTAND... YOU'RE ON HIS SIDE?
SHORE IS! BEEN MY MAN RIGHT ALONG! SEE, THE MINERS WAS TENDIN' TO GET HEATED UP...
I FIGGERED SOONER OR LATER THEY'D TRY SOMETHIN'... MAYBE EVEN GET OUTSIDE HELP...
SO SLAPPER, HE PAID ME TO RILE 'EM SO THEY'D MOVE 'FORE THEY WAS READY...
BY STOMPIN'EM, WE CLEANED OUT THEIR SPUNK! FROM NOW ON, THEY'LL BE SWEET AS SHEEP...
...MY TROUBLE IS NEAR OVER! BUT ENOUGH CONVERSATION--
JACOB, YOU FINISH THE JOB!
THIS THING'S KINDA MESSY!
HERE, USE THIS!
SURE, JACOB... DO IT! YOU'VE BETRAYED YOUR PEOPLE... YOURSELF... SO WHY BALK AT MURDER?!
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ARROW... I DON'T EXPECT YOU TO BELIEVE ME... BUT I'M SORRY! I GOT A LOTTA RESPECT FOR YOU!
IF I CAN MOVE...
YEOWW!
GREEN LANTERN!!
AT YOUR SERVICE! AND JUST IN TIME, IT SEEMS!
ANYBODY ELSE GOT A REVOLVER THEY WANT POWER-RINGED?
PARDON ME A MOMENT... SOME UNFINISHED BUSINESS!
MAY I?
JOHNNY-- BE MY GUEST!
MMMOTHER, THAT FELT GOOD!
AND THAT IS THAT! I HAVE QUESTIONS THOUGH... HOW COME YOUR RING WORKS AGAIN? AND HOW'D YOU GET HERE?
I HAPPENED TO STUMBLE INTO JACOB'S SECRET PASSAGE! AND AS FOR THE RING--
I'M NOT SURE... SEEMS I'M PRETTY CONFUSED THESE DAYS... ABOUT WHAT I SHOULD DO--
AND THE RING TAKES TOTAL CONCENTRATION! BUT WHEN I SAW YOU ABOUT TO BE SHOT

...WELL, THERE WAS NO LONGER ANY DOUBT!
LATER, AFTER SOAMES AND HIS BULLIES HAVE BEEN CONVICTED FOR THEIR CRIMES...
JUSTICE CAME TO DESOLATION... AND THE MINERS WON!
LOOK AT THEM... INJURED ...GRIEVING FOR LOST FRIENDS AND FAMILY...
NOTHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO EXCEPT MORE POVERTY... AND IGNORANCE...
YOU CALL THAT WINNING?!
COME ON... LET'S GO FIND THE PRETTY PART OF AMERICA!
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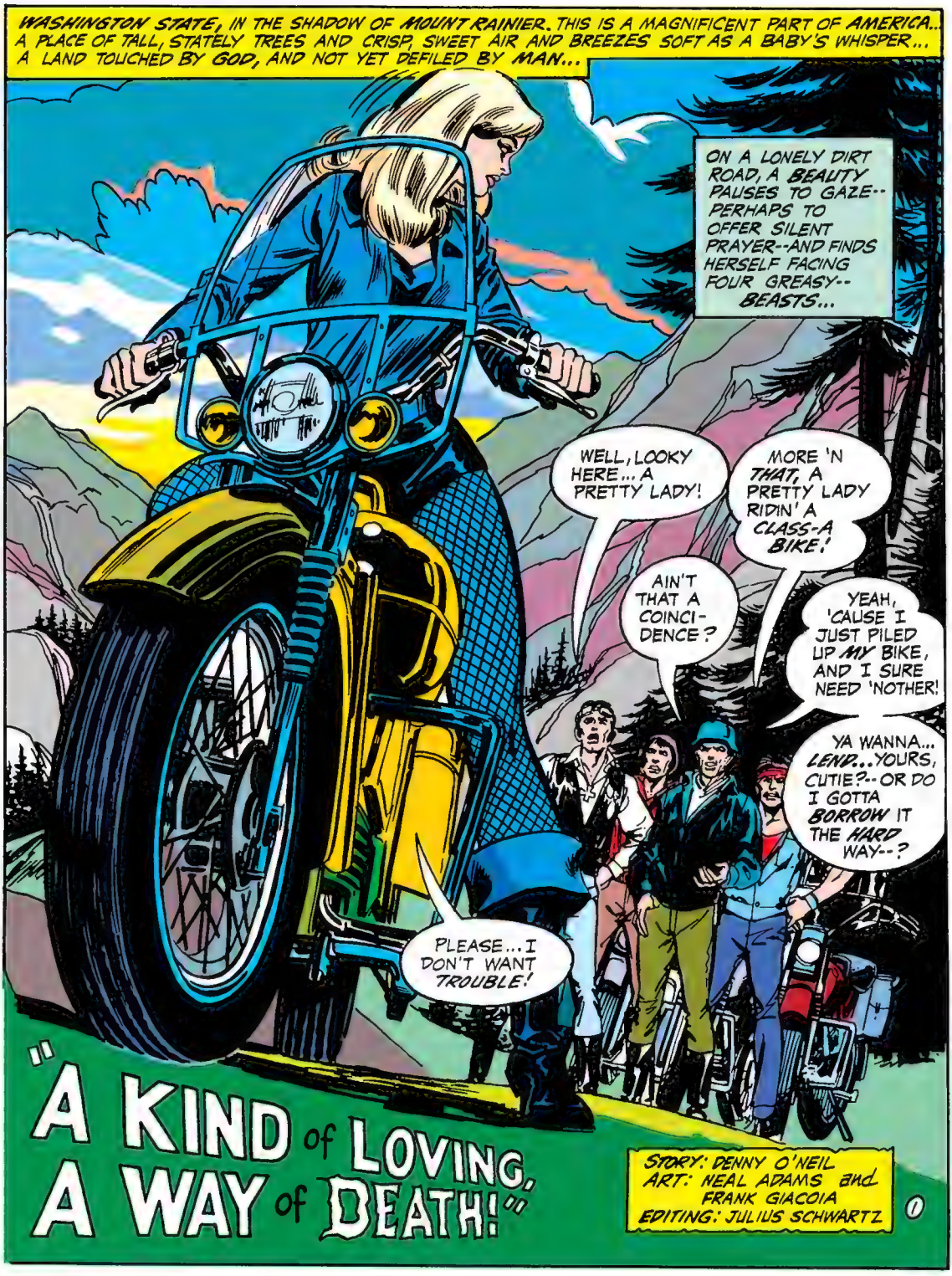
HE'S THE ONLY "FAMILY" I'VE GOT!
LET HIM GO, YOU MANIACS..
OR I'LL KILL YOU BOTH!


WASHINGTON STATE, IN THE SHADOW OF MOUNT RAINIER. THIS IS A MAGNIFICENT PART OF AMERICA... A PLACE OF TALL, STATELY TREES AND CRISP, SWEET AIR AND BREEZES SOFT AS A BABY'S WHISPER... A LAND TOUCHED BY GOD, AND NOT YET DEFILED BY MAN...
ON A LONELY DIRT ROAD, A BEAUTY PAUSES TO GAZE--PERHAPS TO OFFER SILENT PRAYER--AND FINDS HERSELF FACING FOUR GREASY--BEASTS...
WELL, LOOKY HERE... A PRETTY LADY!
MORE 'N THAT, A PRETTY LADY RIDIN' A CLASS-A BIKE!
AIN'T THAT A COINCI-DENCE?
YEAH, 'CAUSE I JUST PILED UP MY BIKE, AND I SURE NEED 'NOTHER!
YA WANNA... LEND...YOURS, CUTIE?--OR DO I GOTTA BORROW IT THE HARD WAY--?
PLEASE... I DON'T WANT TROUBLE!
"A KIND of LOVING, A WAY of DEATH!"
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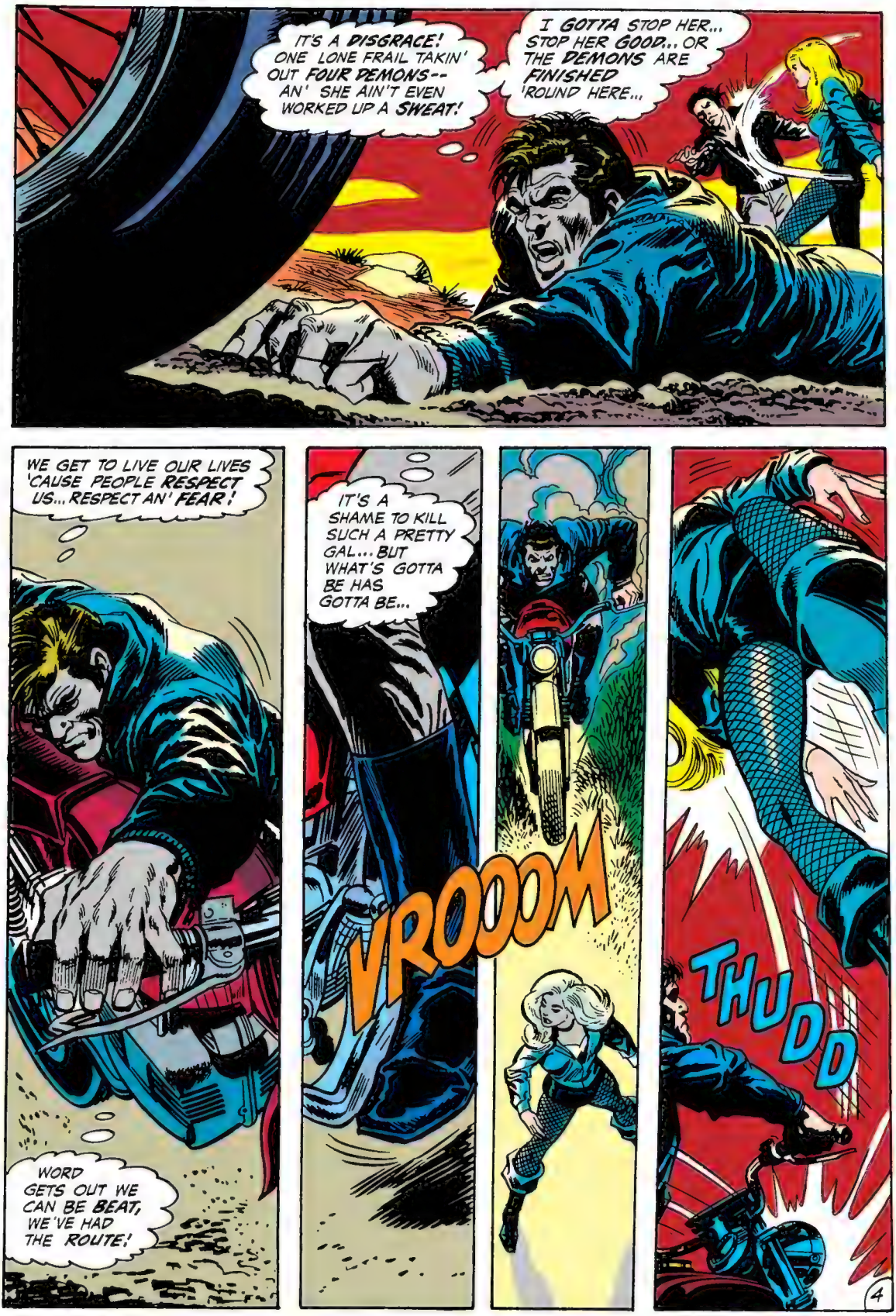
I AIN'T 'BOUT TO GIVE YOU NO CHOICE! GIMME YOUR WHEELS-- NOW!
I'M WARNING YOU--STAY AWAY!
OOOO... AIN'T SHE THE SCARY ONE...
I SAID-- MOVE!
YOU SEE THAT? SHE 'MOST WASTED SNAKE-EYES!
WE'LL JUST DO HER THE SAME FAVOR!
EASY, GUYS... I MEAN, SHE'S ONLY A FRAIL!
THAT DON'T MAKE NO DIFFERENCE! NOBODY GETS AWAY WITH PUSHING A DEMON AROUND!
WE GOT TO STICK TOGETHER... STAND UP FOR EACH OTHER!
...'CAUSE IF WE DON'T, AIN'T ANYBODY ELSE WILL!
AN' IF THAT MEANS WASTIN' A FRAIL, THEN WE WASTE HER!

HER NAME IS DINAH DRAKE LANCE... SHE IS KNOWN AS THE BLACK CANARY... BUT THIS BIRD DOESN'T SING... SHE FIGHTS! LONG AGO, SHE MASTERED THE ANCIENT ARTS OF JUDO AND JIU-JITSU--MASTERED THEM AS PERHAPS NO OTHER MORTAL EVER HAS!
YOU LOOK AT HER, AND SEE A SOFT, TOTALLY FEMININE WOMAN, AND PERHAPS YOU DON'T GLIMPSE THE FIRE... THE FURY... THAT SEETHES BEHIND HER LOVELINESS... UNTIL YOU CROSS HER! FOR SHE KNOWS VIOLENCE AS ONLY ONE WHO HATES-IT-ENOUGH-TO UNDERSTAND IT CAN...


IT'S A DISGRACE! ONE LONE FRAIL TAKIN' OUT FOUR DEMONS-- AN' SHE AIN'T EVEN WORKED UP A SWEAT!
I GOTTA STOP HER... STOP HER GOOD... OR THE DEMONS ARE FINISHED 'ROUND HERE...
WE GET TO LIVE OUR LIVES 'CAUSE PEOPLE RESPECT US... RESPECT AN' FEAR!
WORD GETS OUT WE CAN BE BEAT, WE'VE HAD THE ROUTE!
IT'S A SHAME TO KILL SUCH A PRETTY GAL... BUT WHAT'S GOTTA BE HAS GOTTA BE...
VROOOM
THUDD
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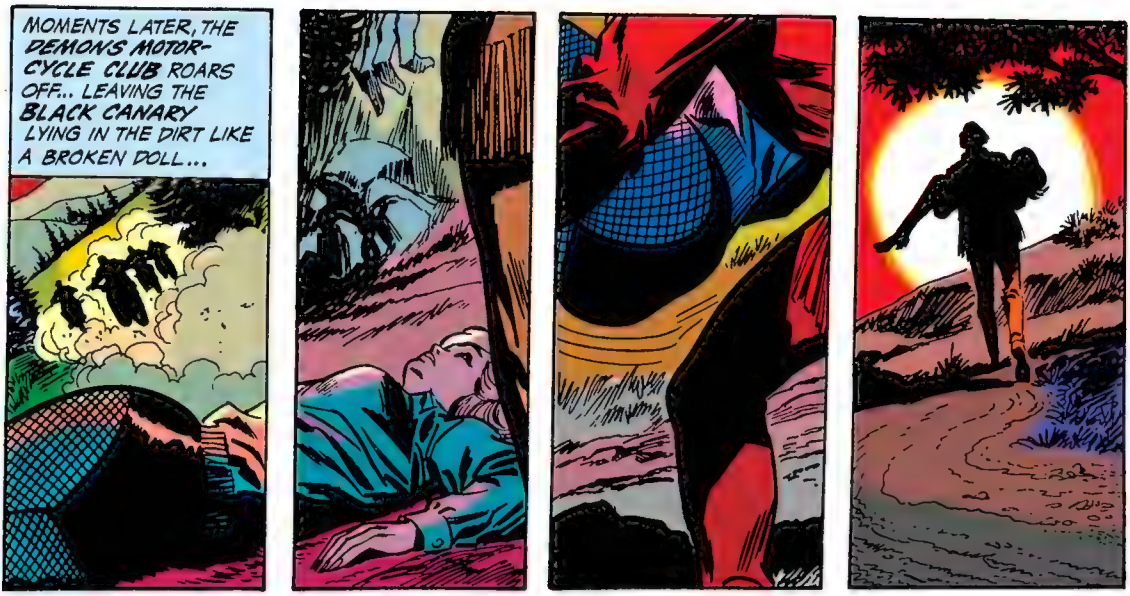

TWO WEEKS PASS. THE LONG FINGER OF COINCIDENCE NUDGES A BATTERED PICKUP TRUCK INTO THE SINGLE STREET OF A TINY HAMLET...

Y'KNOW, WE'RE FRESH OUT OF CHAMPAGNE AND CAVIAR! BUT I CAN GIVE YOU A PLATE OF BEANS--
THEN THERE'S BEANS AND--OH, YEAH-- BEANS!
IN THAT CASE, I'LL HAVE AN ORDER OF BEANS!
MAKE IT THREE!
THREE MEALS--OF BEANS--LATER...
HMMM... MOST UNUSUAL FLAVOR! REMINDS ME OF THE G'NEESH THE NATIVES OF SIRIUS-7 EAT...
REMINDS ME OF THE WAY MAMA USED TO COOK--ON HER BETTER DAYS!
HOW'D YOU GET 'EM TO TASTE LIKE THAT?
OH, WE REDSKINS GOT OUR LITTLE TRICKS... A SPICE HERE, A HERB THERE...
GIMME A BREW!
BEAT IT, PUNKS! YOUR BUSINESS I DON'T NEED!
YA CHECK THE MOUTH ON THAT BOY?
HE AIN'T LEARNED HIS PLACE!
MAYBE WE BETTER TEACH HIM TO RESPECT THE DEMONS--
NEXT TIME YA COUNT YOUR TEETH AN' FIND A FEW MISSING, REMEMBER NOT TO SOUND OFF SO QUICK!
CHUD
UNNGH!
YOU DUDES GOT ANY-THING YA WANTA SAY?
NOT US, SIR!
WE'RE... TIMID SOULS!
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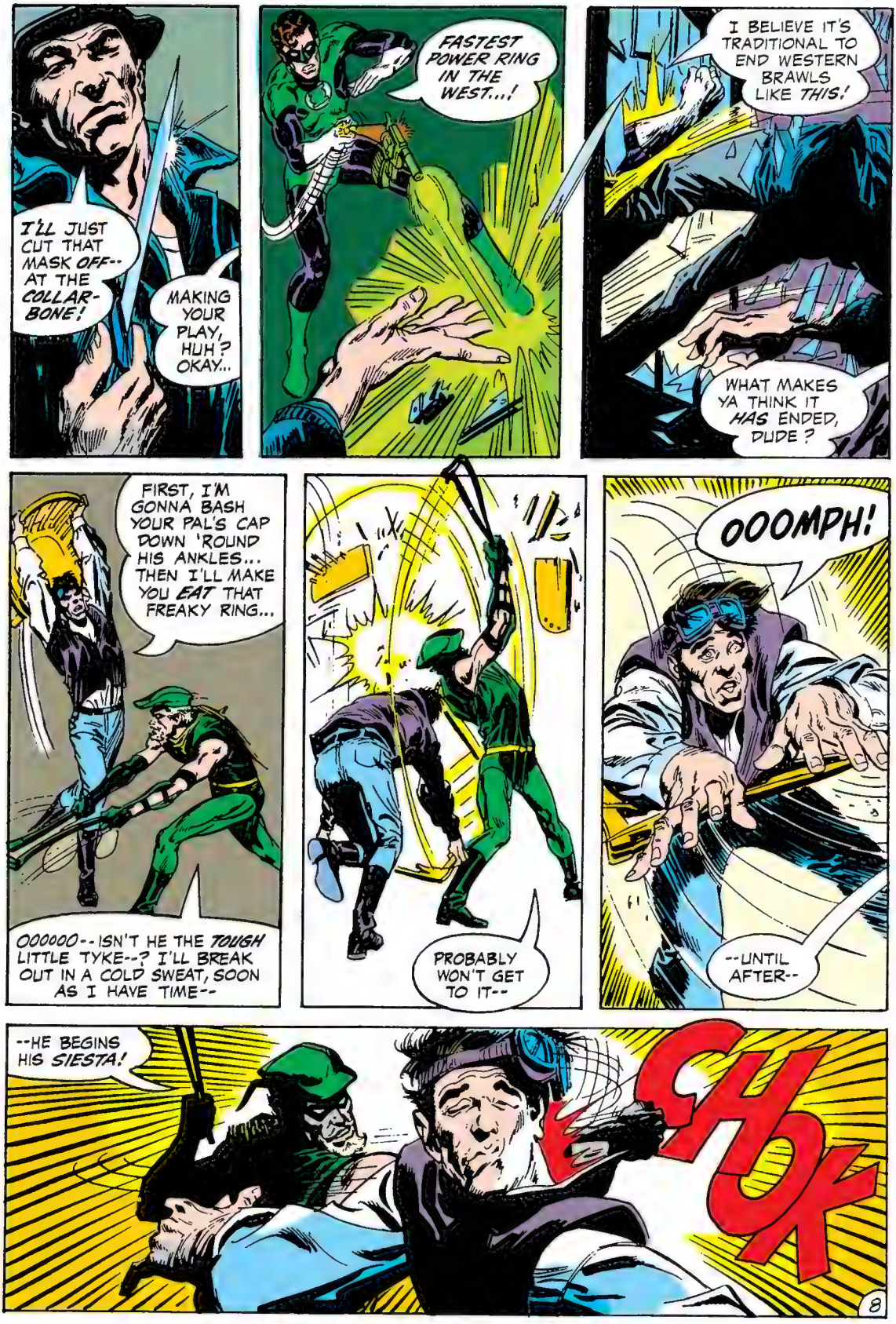
IN BRIGHTEST DAY, IN BLACKEST NIGHT, NO EVIL SHALL ESCAPE MY SIGHT! LET THOSE WHO WORSHIP EVIL'S MIGHT, BEWARE MY POWER-- GREEN LANTERN'S LIGHT!
TAKE ANYTHING YA WANT!
WHEN WE'RE DONE, MAYBE WE'LL STOMP THE INJUN SOME MORE!
YEAH... STOMPIN'S FUN...
EH--?
KWOMP
JUST LIKE IN A JOHN WAYNE MOVIE... THE GOOD GUYS FACING DOWN THE BAD GUYS!
YEAH... ONLY THIS TIME THE BAD GUYS ARE GONNA WIN!
MAYBE THEY THINK THEM FANCY MASKS ARE SCARIN' US...!


I'LL JUST CUT THAT MASK OFF-- AT THE COLLAR-BONE!
MAKING YOUR PLAY, HUH? OKAY...
FASTEST POWER RING IN THE WEST...!
I BELIEVE IT'S TRADITIONAL TO END WESTERN BRAWLS LIKE THIS!
WHAT MAKES YA THINK IT HAS ENDED, DUDE?
FIRST, I'M GONNA BASH YOUR PAL'S CAP DOWN 'ROUND HIS ANKLES... THEN I'LL MAKE YOU EAT THAT FREAKY RING...
OOOOOO--ISN'T HE THE TOUGH LITTLE TYKE--? I'LL BREAK OUT IN A COLD SWEAT, SOON AS I HAVE TIME--
PROBABLY WON'T GET TO IT--
OOOMPH!
--UNTIL AFTER--
--HE BEGINS HIS SIESTA!
CHOK

I'LL DO THE HONORS! I'VE BEEN HOPING TO USE THIS ARROW--
I GOT THE IDEA WHEN I SAW SOME DEEP-SEA FISHERMEN AT WORK--
--FIGURED IF I COMBINED THEIR NET-TECHNIQUE WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF ATOMIC FISSION--
--I'D HAVE THE PERFECT GIMMICK TO LAND... OHH, SAY, A GREASY THUG ON A MOTORCYCLE!
OFFHAND, I'D HAVE TO GUESS YOU FIGURED *RIGHT!* LET'S TURN THIS BUNCH OVER TO THE LOCAL LAW...
LANTERN! LOOK! THAT CYCLE... *RECOGNIZE* IT?

*NOTE: GREEN LANTERN REFERS TO EVENTS RELATED IN JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA #75

THEN, AFTER THE DEMONS ARE IN THE HANDS OF A SHERIFF...
MISTER-- WE WANT TO APOLOGIZE FOR THE FRACAS IN YOUR PLACE!
THINK NOTHING OF IT, PALE-FACES! YOU PEOPLE BEEN WALKING ALL OVER US FOR 400 YEARS--WHY GET REMORSE AT THIS LATE DATE ?
SOUNDS LIKE YOU HAVE A PARTICULAR GRIPE IN MIND!
UH-HUH...LOTS OF GRIPES! THE WHITE-EYES SWIPED OUR LAND, BROKE TREATIES, HERDED US LIKE ANIMALS ONTO RESERVATIONS...
NOW, THE BIG-BELLIES IN THE CAPITAL ARE TALKING ABOUT TAKING AWAY OUR FISHING RIGHTS!
NEXT, THEY'LL WANT THE MARROW FROM OUR BONES--
THIS CONVERSATION INTERESTS ME! IT ILLUMINATES A FACET OF HUMAN EXISTENCE I HAD NEVER KNOWN ABOUT BEFORE!
I GUESS YOU HAVE TO LEARN...THE THINGS I'M ASHAMED OF ABOUT MY RACE...
WE'LL PICK YOU UP IN THE MORNING, OLD-TIMER!
WE'RE OUT OF LUCK! IT'S RAINED SINCE THE FIGHT... NO SIGN--
MAYBE SOMEBODY IN THAT HOUSE SAW WHERE BLACK CANARY WENT!
LANTERN... IF I'M DREAMING, DON'T WAKE ME! BECAUSE THAT LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE...
HEY-- BIRD-LADY! BLACK CANARY... IT'S US!
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WE'LL TAKE YOU BACK...!
I AM SORRY, GREEN ARROW! I CANNOT GO WITH YOU! THIS IS MY HOME!
YOUR...HOME!? WHAT THE DEVIL'S WRONG WITH YOU?
PLEASE! YOU ARE DISTURBING HER! YOU MUST LEAVE--
--SHE IS NOW A MEMBER OF MY FAMILY!
AND WHO ARE YOU?
I AM CALLED JOSHUA!
HOORAY FOR YOU! I'M GREEN ARROW... MAYBE YOU'VE HEARD OF ME... IF SO, YOU KNOW THAT I USUALLY GET THE ANSWERS I WANT! RIGHT NOW I WANT YOUR ANSWERS!
THERE IS LITTLE TO TELL--
WE ARE A BAND OF THE ENLIGHTENED! OUR MISSION IS TO BRING TRUTH TO THESE TROUBLED TIMES!
WHOSE TRUTH?... EXPLAIN...
JUDGING FROM YOUR TONE, YOU ARE NOT READY FOR MY MESSAGE! AGAIN, I IMPLORE YOU-- LEAVE!
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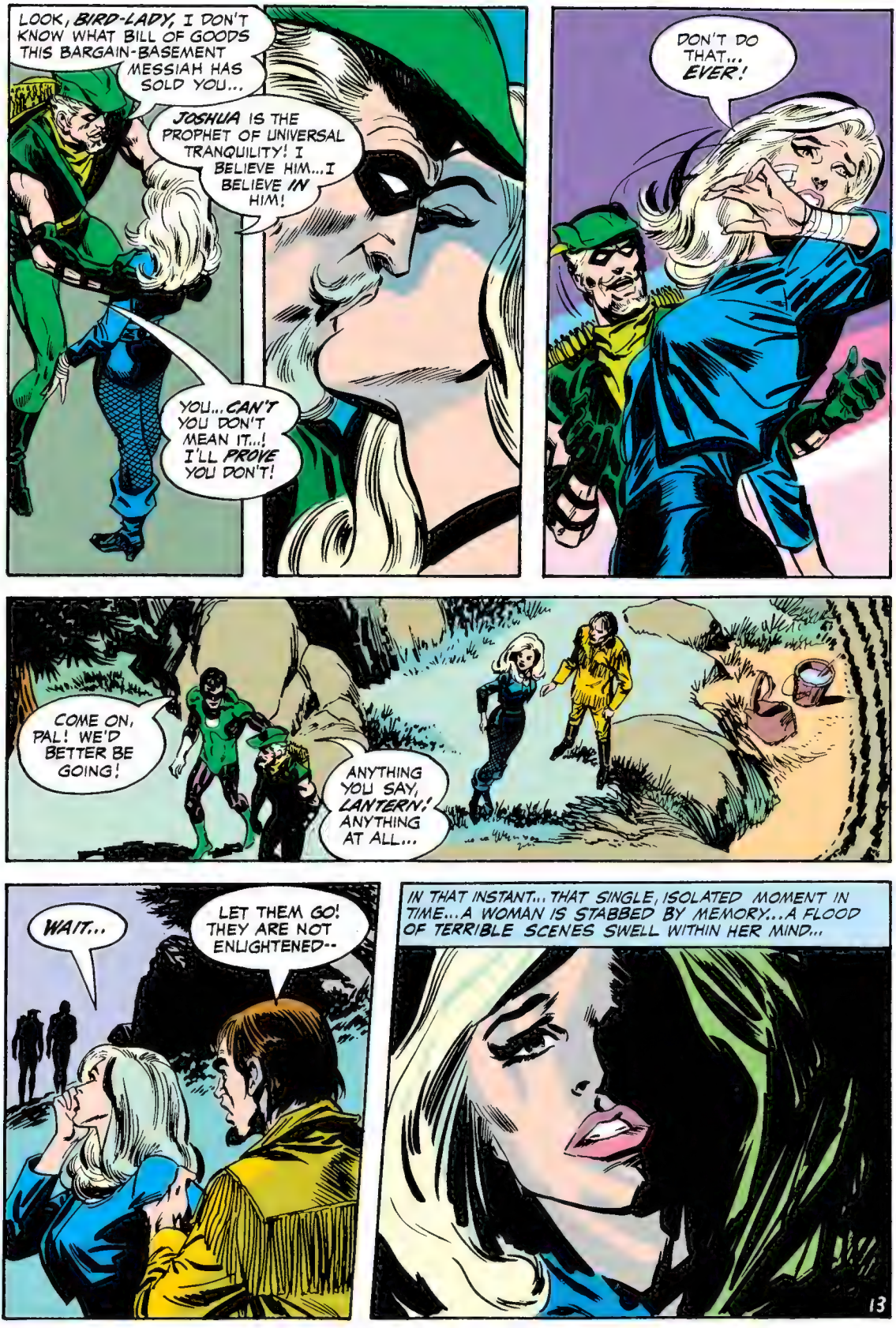
LOOK, BIRD-LADY, I DON'T KNOW WHAT BILL OF GOODS THIS BARGAIN-BASEMENT MESSIAH HAS SOLD YOU...
JOSHUA IS THE PROPHET OF UNIVERSAL TRANQUILITY! I BELIEVE HIM...I BELIEVE IN HIM!
YOU...CAN'T YOU DON'T MEAN IT...! I'LL PROVE YOU DON'T!
DON'T DO THAT... EVER!
COME ON, PAL! WE'D BETTER BE GOING!
ANYTHING YOU SAY, LANTERN! ANYTHING AT ALL...
WAIT...
LET THEM GO! THEY ARE NOT ENLIGHTENED--
IN THAT INSTANT... THAT SINGLE, ISOLATED MOMENT IN TIME...A WOMAN IS STABBED BY MEMORY...A FLOOD OF TERRIBLE SCENES SWELL WITHIN HER MIND...

ONCE MORE, SHE RELIVES THE HIDEOUS DEATH OF HER HUSBAND, LARRY LANCE... STRUCK DOWN BY THE DEADLY SPHERE OF THE STAR-CREATURE AQUARIUS... AND HIS FUNERAL, ATTENDED BY BOTH THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF EARTH-ONE AND--
--THE JUSTICE SOCIETY OF EARTH-TWO... SHE FEELS THE GRIEF BITE INTO HER SOUL... THE GRIEF THAT DROVE HER AWAY FROM EARTH-TWO, WITH THE COUNTLESS REMINDERS OF LARRY, TO THIS TWIN WORLD, THIS PARALLEL UNIVERSE...
LARRY LANCE
1920 1969
...AND THEN THE IMAGE OF ANOTHER MAN SLIPS PAST HER MIND'S EYE... A MODERN ROBIN HOOD, A GREEN-CLAD WARRIOR WITH A LAUGH LIKE THE ROAR OF A MOUNTAIN RIVER AND ARMS LIKE STEEL CABLES...
FOR LONG MONTHS, SHE STRUGGLED WITH HER AFFECTION FOR HIM, TORN BETWEEN LOYALTY TO HER DEAD LARRY AND THE WARMTH, THE AFFECTION, THE SHEER WOMANLINESS THE ARCHER INSPIRED IN HER... UNTIL, AT LAST, SHE KNEW SHE MUST LOVE HIM...
THEN IT WAS THAT SHE SET OFF, DETERMINED TO FOLLOW AND TO FIND HIM, TO JOIN HIS QUEST ACROSS THE FACE OF THAT MOST BEAUTIFUL AND TROUBLED LAND, AMERICA! AND SOON, SHE WAS FELLED BY EVIL WEARING BLACK-LEATHER JACKETS...
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ABRUPTLY, HER REVERIE IS INTERRUPTED BY A FAMILIAR TOUCH, AND SHE HEARS THE DEEP, GENTLE VOICE OF HER SAVIOR, AND SEES HIS STRANGE, COMPELLING AMBER EYES--
DO NOT BE TROUBLED, DAUGHTER! I HAVE A GIFT FOR YOU...!
THAT IS... KIND OF YOU, JOSHUA! WHAT IS IT?
THIS! IT WILL AID YOU IN OUR GREAT MISSION!
A...A GUN?
BUT IT IS WRONG TO USE SUCH THINGS...
TRUST ME, DAUGHTER! LOOK AT ME...
...FALL INTO THE DEPTHS OF MY GAZE...
...TRUST ME, TRUST ME, TRUST ME!
I DO...
HIS WORDS BEAT UPON HER AS WAVES UPON A CLEAN, WHITE BEACH...STILLING HER FEARS, FILLING HER WITH PEACE...

I TELL YOU, LANTERN, THE BIRD-LADY'S IN TROUBLE! THAT GUY JOSHUA...SOMETHING DOWNRIGHT WEIRD ABOUT HIM...
I CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR DISAPPOINTMENT! BUT BLACK CANARY'S A FREE AGENT--WE CAN'T MAKE HER LEAVE!
SOMETHING SICK!
CHUM, IT'S TOUGH... BUT YOU'VE GOT TO SWALLOW IT--SHE JUST DOESN'T DIG YOU--
POW
I'LL FORGIVE YOU THAT--
DON'T DO ME ANY FAVORS RING-SLINGER!
AWAY FROM YOU...
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
I'M ACTING LIKE A SPOILED BRAT...SOCKING MY BEST FRIEND JUST BECAUSE HE'S RIGHT, AND I'M NOT MAN ENOUGH TO ADMIT IT...
BAM BAM BAM
HUNH--? SOUNDS LIKE GUN-FIRE--!

GRACEFUL AS A GREAT CAT, THE EMERALD ARCHER MOVES THROUGH THE WOODS TOWARD THE SOURCE OF THE STACCATO REPORTS...
--AND SEES--
THE BIRD-LADY... AND THE REST OF JOSHUA'S SO-CALLED "FAMILY"-- TAKING TARGET-PRACTICE!
THAT'S ENOUGH! HEED ME-- LISTEN TO YOUR LEADER!-- YOUR FATHER, JOSHUA!
WE HAVE TRAINED...PRACTICED... WORKED WELL... FOR TONIGHT! WITHIN THE HOUR, WE STRIKE OUR FIRST BLOW...
WE DESTROY OUR ENEMIES!
SUCH HAS BEEN THE COURSE OF HISTORY IN THIS NATION THAT THE WHITE MAN AND THE NON-WHITE MAN ARE ENEMIES...
IT IS A PITY THAT WE MUST KILL--! BUT WE HAVE NO CHOICE-- THOSE OF WHITE ANCESTRY AND THE OTHERS CAN NO LONGER SHARE THE SAME LAND...
TO SURVIVE, WE MUST MAKE CORPSES OF THE RED MAN... THE BLACK MAN... THE YELLOW MAN...
NOW IS THE TIME! WE STRIKE OUR FIRST BLOW FOR PEACE... WE DESCEND UPON THE INDIAN VILLAGE LIKE AVENGING GODS-- AND LEAVE NOTHING...ALIVE!!
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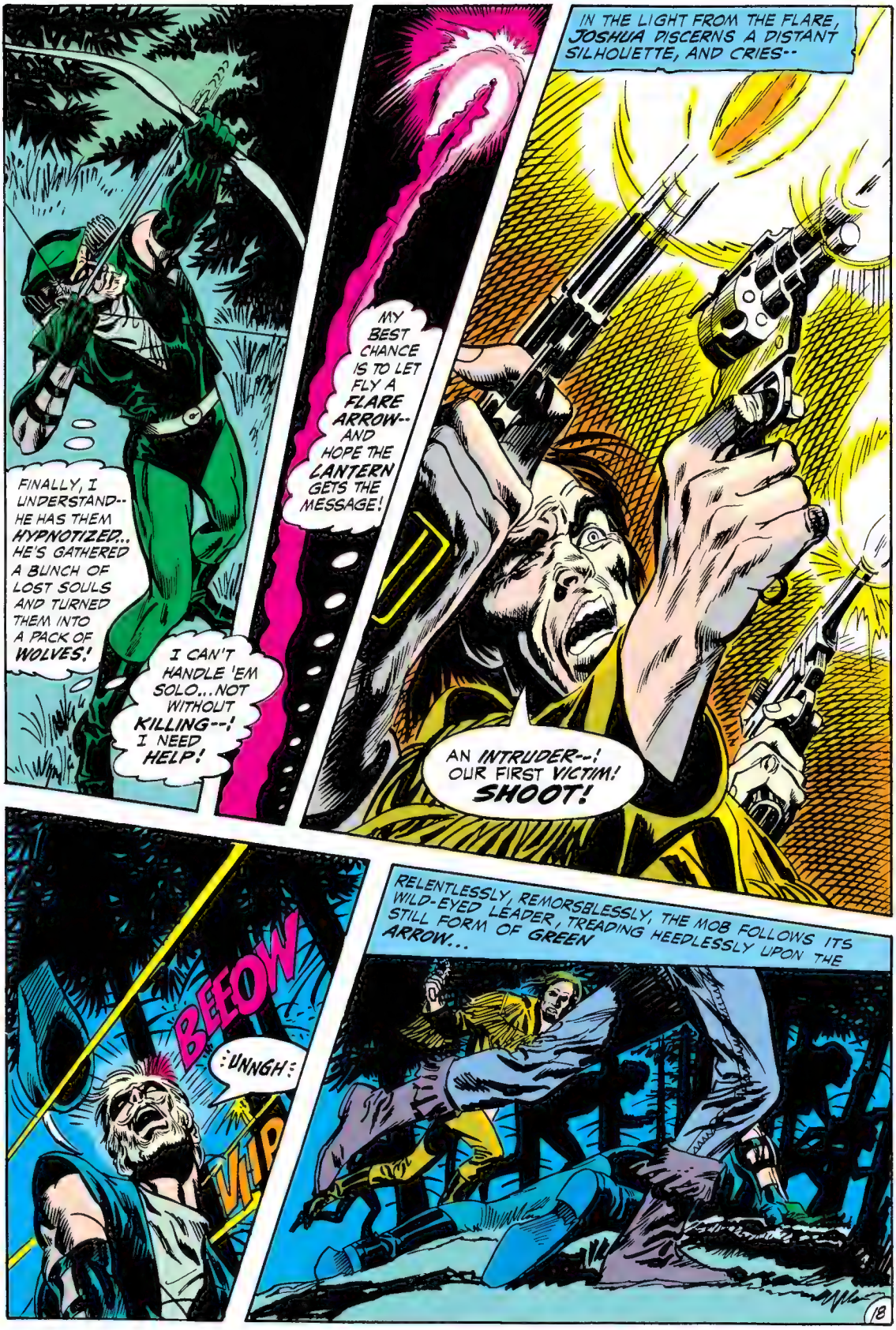
FINALLY, I UNDERSTAND-- HE HAS THEM HYPNOTIZED.. HE'S GATHERED A BUNCH OF LOST SOULS AND TURNED THEM INTO A PACK OF WOLVES!
I CAN'T HANDLE 'EM SOLO...NOT WITHOUT KILLING--! I NEED HELP!
MY BEST CHANCE IS TO LET FLY A FLARE ARROW-- AND HOPE THE LANTERN GETS THE MESSAGE!
IN THE LIGHT FROM THE FLARE, JOSHUA DISCERNS A DISTANT SILHOUETTE, AND CRIES--
AN INTRUDER--! OUR FIRST VICTIM! SHOOT!
BEEOW
:UNNGH:
VIP
RELENTLESSLY, REMORSELESSLY, THE MOB FOLLOWS ITS WILD-EYED LEADER, TREADING HEEDLESSLY UPON THE STILL FORM OF GREEN ARROW...

--ONLY TO BE HALTED BY THE AWESOME, ANGRY-- GREEN LANTERN!
ALL RIGHT... YOU'VE GONE FAR ENOUGH! THE PARTY'S OVER-- DROP YOUR WEAPONS AND TURN BACK--!
I CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT I'M SEEING... FIRST, G.A. SHOT DOWN-- NOW, THESE INNOCENT KIDS BECOMING A BLOODTHIRSTY MOB!
BLAM
KCHOW
KOW
ANOTHER WEAKLING--! DROP HIM!
I SHOULD'VE LEARNED BY NOW TO TRUST GREEN ARROW'S HUNCHES...
IT'S OBVIOUS THAT SOMEHOW JOSHUA HAS GOTTEN CONTROL OF THEIR MINDS--
STILL I CAN'T USE THE FULL POWER OF MY RING ON THEM...BUT I CAN PROTECT MYSELF WITH A SHIELD--
...AND DISARM THEM!
I'LL WILL THE BEAM TO WHITE-HOT INTENSITY... AND MELT THAT COLLECTION OF NOISE-MAKERS TO SO MUCH SCRAP!
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HE HAS DEPRIVED US OF GUNS... BUT WE STILL HAVE FINGERS... NAILS...
AT HIM! USE YOUR HANDS--! WE ARE A DOZEN TO ONE!

IT WOULD BE EASY TO SIMPLY ZAP THEM--! AND I WANT TO DO IT...THEY SHOT G.A.! IF HE'S DEAD, I--AND THE WORLD-- WILL HAVE LOST A GREAT CHAMPION...
BUT THEY'RE CHILDREN... THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO...
IF IT'S HUMANLY POSSIBLE, I'LL HALT THEM-- WITHOUT LOSS OF LIFE!

THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO CLIMB OUT OF THAT TRENCH... AND I'LL MAKE CERTAIN NO ONE PULLS THEM OUT--
--AT LEAST UNTIL I FIGURE A WAY TO RESTORE THEIR SANITY!

WE MUST RETREAT! THE GREEN RING HAS VANQUISHED US--FOR THE MOMENT!
WE ESCAPE...TO REBUILD OUR MOVEMENT! YOU, MY FAVORITE, AND I SHALL YET BRING OUR HOLY MESSAGE TO FULL FLOWER!

LIKE HUNTED BEASTS, THE GIRL AND THE MANIACAL LEADER FLEE THROUGH THE WOODS, UNTIL...
THERE! THE ONE WHO EXPOSED US! HE IS WOUNDED,, HELPLESS...
AT LEAST WE WILL HAVE THE SATIS-FACTION OF REVENGE!
YOU STILL HAVE YOUR REVOLVER! USE IT-- IN OUR HOLY CAUSE! MAKE HIM PAY FOR OUR DEFEAT!
A SINGLE BULLET...AND YOU REDEEM YOURSELF-- AND ME!
PULL BACK THE HAMMER...
KLIK
AIM AT HIS HEAD...
AND...PULL THE TRIGGER!
I...I'M TRYING...
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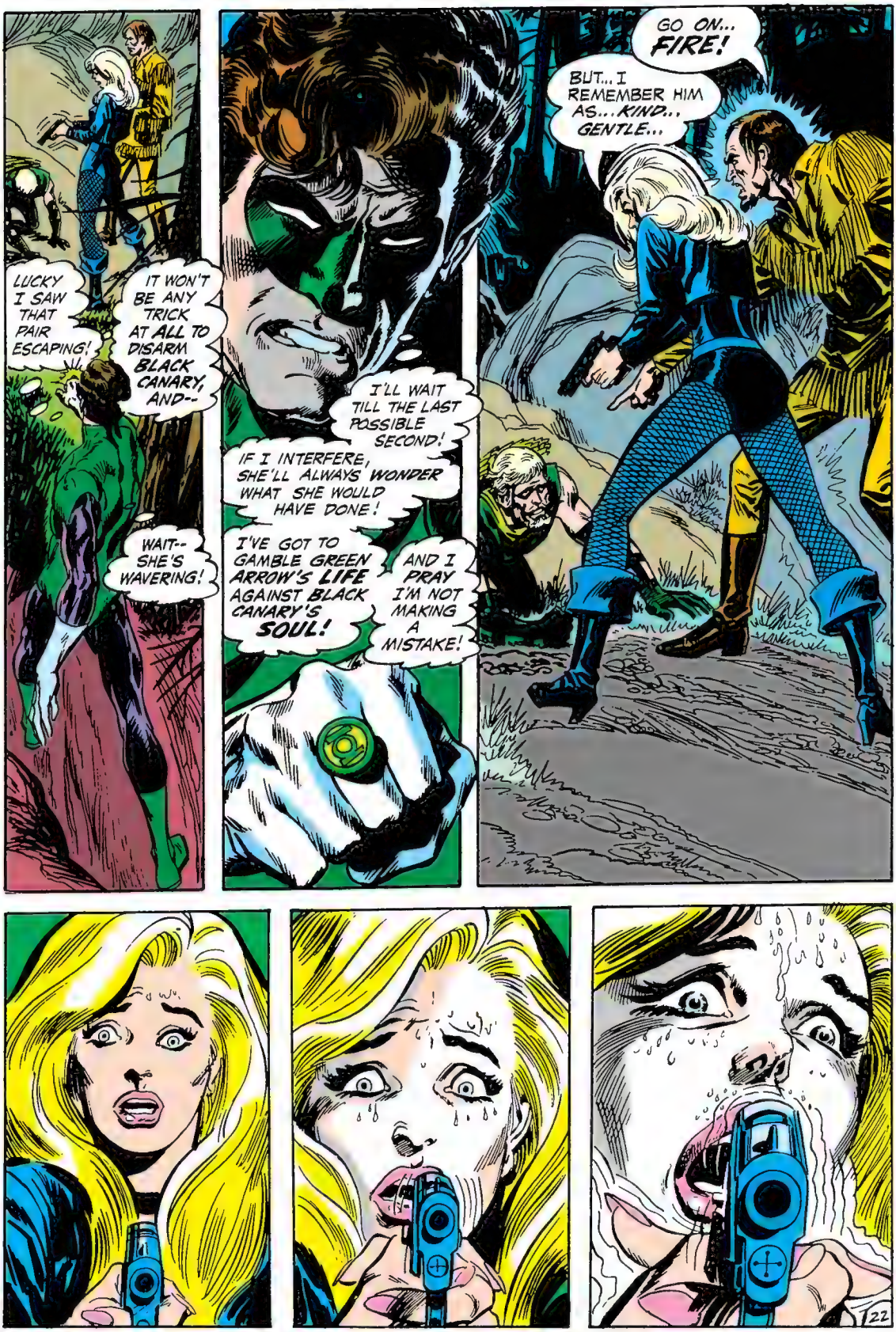
LUCKY I SAW THAT PAIR ESCAPING!
IT WON'T BE ANY TRICK AT ALL TO DISARM BLACK CANARY, AND--
WAIT-- SHE'S WAVERING!
I'LL WAIT TILL THE LAST POSSIBLE SECOND!
IF I INTERFERE, SHE'LL ALWAYS WONDER WHAT SHE WOULD HAVE DONE!
I'VE GOT TO GAMBLE GREEN ARROW'S LIFE AGAINST BLACK CANARY'S SOUL!
AND I PRAY I'M NOT MAKING A MISTAKE!
BUT... I REMEMBER HIM AS... KIND... GENTLE...
GO ON... FIRE!

I CAN'T--! FORGIVE ME, MASTER... I CAN'T!
WEAKLING--! I TRUSTED YOU... AND YOU BETRAYED ME!
I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO BE STRONG! --HOW TO CONQUER--!
FWOOM
PUT IT DOWN, JOSHUA! YOUR CONQUERING DAYS ARE OVER... BEFORE THEY BEGAN!
BLAM
HE'S... FINISHED! THE PISTOL WENT OFF... WHILE IT WAS POINTED AT HIS HEART!
AT LEAST HE DIED QUICK... PAINLESSLY!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND... WHAT HAPPENED TO ME... PLEASE-- HELP ME UNDERSTAND!
WE WILL, KID... I PROMISE!
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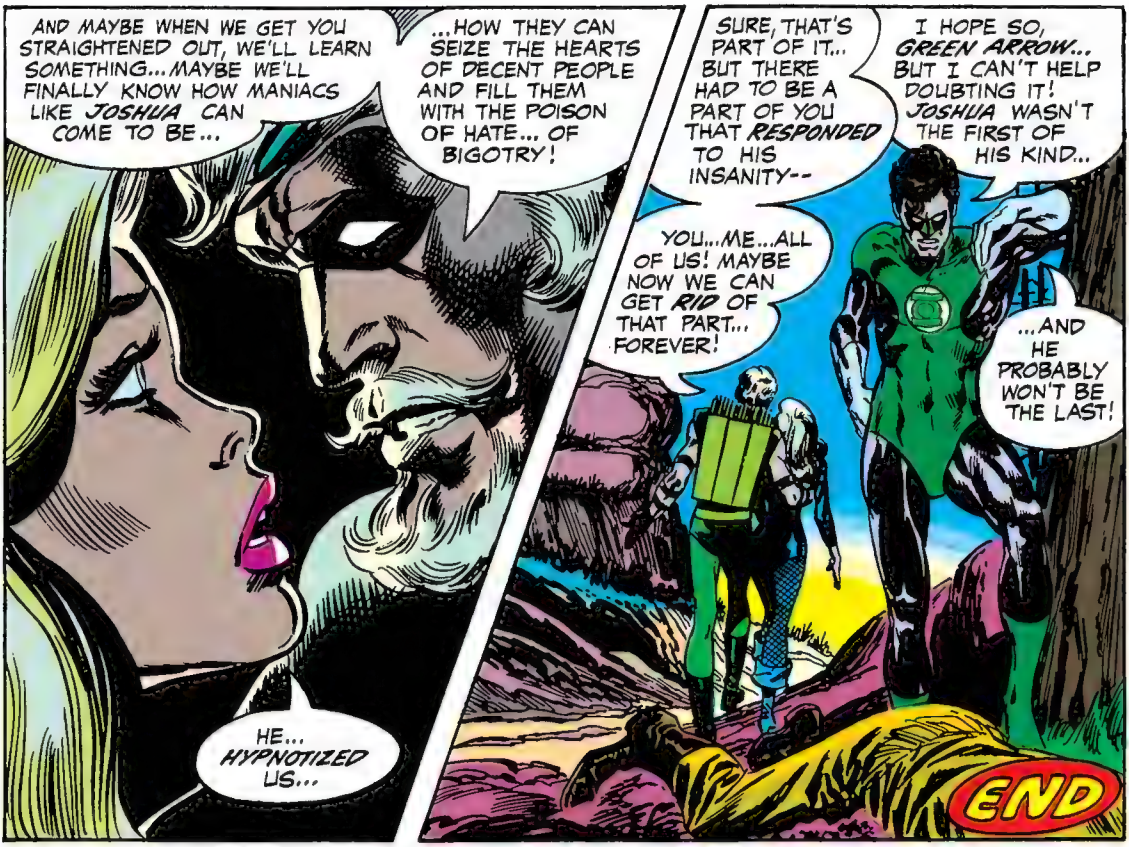
AND MAYBE WHEN WE GET YOU STRAIGHTENED OUT, WE'LL LEARN SOMETHING... MAYBE WE'LL FINALLY KNOW HOW MANIACS LIKE JOSHUA CAN COME TO BE...
...HOW THEY CAN SEIZE THE HEARTS OF DECENT PEOPLE AND FILL THEM WITH THE POISON OF HATE... OF BIGOTRY!
HE... HYPNOTIZED US...
SURE, THAT'S PART OF IT... BUT THERE HAD TO BE A PART OF YOU THAT RESPONDED TO HIS INSANITY--
I HOPE SO, GREEN ARROW... BUT I CAN'T HELP DOUBTING IT! JOSHUA WASN'T THE FIRST OF HIS KIND...
YOU...ME...ALL OF US! MAYBE NOW WE CAN GET RID OF THAT PART... FOREVER!
...AND HE PROBABLY WON'T BE THE LAST!
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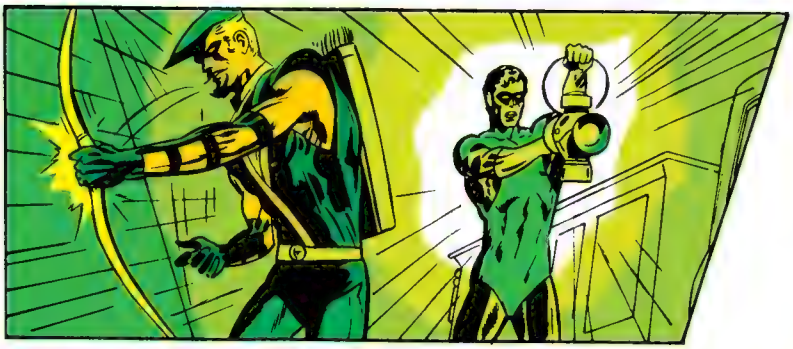
MY REDSKIN BROTHERS FIND YOU GUILTY!
AND I AM YOUR EXECUTIONER!

LIVE LONG ENOUGH WITH DANGER AND YOU DEVELOP A SIXTH SENSE--OR PERHAPS ONLY VERY GOOD FIVE SENSES--SO THAT EVEN ON A PEACEFUL EVENING YOU ARE ALERT--

--AND ANY WRONG SOUND CAN SNAP YOU FROM RELAXATION TO ATTENTION! YOUR MUSCLES TIGHTEN, YOUR BLOOD QUICKENS--

--AND YOUR HANDS MOVE AUTOMATICALLY--



PREPARING FOR A POSSIBLE FIGHT--

THESE THREE--TWO HUMAN MEN AND AN IMMORTAL FROM THE FAR EDGE OF THE GALAXY--HAVE VOWED TO FIND AMERICA... TO LEARN WHY THIS LAND OF THE FREE HAS BECOME THE LAND OF THE FEARFUL! FOLLOW THEM NOW AS THEY SEEK CLUES, AND MEET A GREAT LEADER WHO HAS BEEN DEAD FOR A HUNDRED YEARS! OR HAS HE?

ULYSSES STAR IS STILL ALIVE!

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PROLOGUE

HO--! LOOKS LIKE THE INJUN PLUMB RUN OUTTA BREATH! GITTIN' SOFT, RED-SKIN?
MUST BE, PALEFACE! I BEEN AROUND YOUR KIND TOO LONG!
ENOUGH SILLY CHATTER! WE'VE COME TO...AH-- DISPOSE OF THE FELLOW!
SHALL WE DO SO? FIRE ON MY COUNT OF THREE--
ONE... TWO...

OKAY, YOU BARGAIN-BASEMENT CUSTERS-- DROP THE WEAPONS...
--OR WE MAKE LIKE A COUPLE OF SITTING BULLS!
IT'S THOSE FELLAS THAT RUN THEM KIDS OUTTA HERE THE OTHER DAY!
AH... IT IS INDEED A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU CHAPS!
I HAVE A FEELING IT WON'T BE MUTUAL!
YES, YOUR RIDDING OUR COMMUNITY OF THOSE FILTHY HIPPIES WAS A SINGULAR SERVICE!
PERHAPS YOU CAN AID US FURTHER-- BY RIDDING US OF THESE EQUALLY FILTHY SAVAGES!
THOSE HIPPIES, AS YOU CALL THEM, WERE TRYING TO DO THE SAME THING--! KILL THE INDIANS!
SOME-TIMES THE HUMAN RACE TURNS MY STOMACH!
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
I'LL TELL YOU... THIS FANCY PANTS IS THEODORE PUDD... HE RUNS THE LUMBERMEN'S UNION--
AND THE OTHER SPECIMEN IS PIERRE O'ROURKE! HE CLAIMS TO OWN THE TREES!
CLAIMS--?! I DO OWN 'EM!
IN A PIG'S EAR! LISTEN, A HUNDRED YEARS AGO, THE CHIEF OF OUR TRIBE-- ULYSSES STAR-- MADE A DEAL WITH WASHINGTON-- WE WOULDN'T HASSLE THE WHITE SETTLERS IF WE COULD HAVE EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS TO THE LUMBER!
THE GOVERNMENT'S RECORD OF THE DEAL GOT LOST... OUR LOCAL RECORD WAS MYSTERIOUSLY DESTROYED--
SO YOU'RE PLAIN OUTTA LUCK... 'CAUSE OFFICIALLY, THIS LAND IS UP FOR GRABS-- AN' I GRABBED IT!
WHAT'S YOUR BEEF WITH THE TRIBE, MR. PUDD?
SIMPLY THAT THEY WANT TO JOIN MY ORGANIZATION-- AND I DISLIKE ANIMALS!
THIS... CREATURE... WAS ON PIERRE'S PROPERTY! WE SHOOT TRESPASSERS!

SOUNDS LIKE YOUR CASE IS SHAKY, LEGALLY! WERE THERE ANY OTHER COPIES OF THE TRANSACTION?
JUST ONE...BELONGED TO ULYSSES STAR'S SON, ABE! BUT HE TOOK IT WITH HIM...
WHERE'D HE GO?
...TO THE CITY--TWENTY YEARS AGO... NOBODY'S HEARD FROM HIM SINCE!
THEN THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO TO HELP!
THE HECK THERE ISN'T! WE CAN STAY.., AND FIGHT! WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE GOOD AT FIGHTING--REMEMBER?!
I'M GETTING A BIT TIRED OF YOUR LORDING IT OVER ME...WITH YOUR MORAL SUPERIORITY ROUTINE...
IF YOU WANT TO BREAK THE LAW--GO AHEAD! BUT COUNT ME OUT!
THAT I WILL DO GLADLY!
THAT BLASTED HOTHEAD! HE STARTS SWINGING BEFORE HE BOTHERS TO THINK!
MAYBE I WAS WRONG, THOUGH...MAYBE I CAN HELP--!
I'LL BEGIN WITH A TRIP TO THE RESERVATION... THEN, I'LL HEAD FOR THE CITY...
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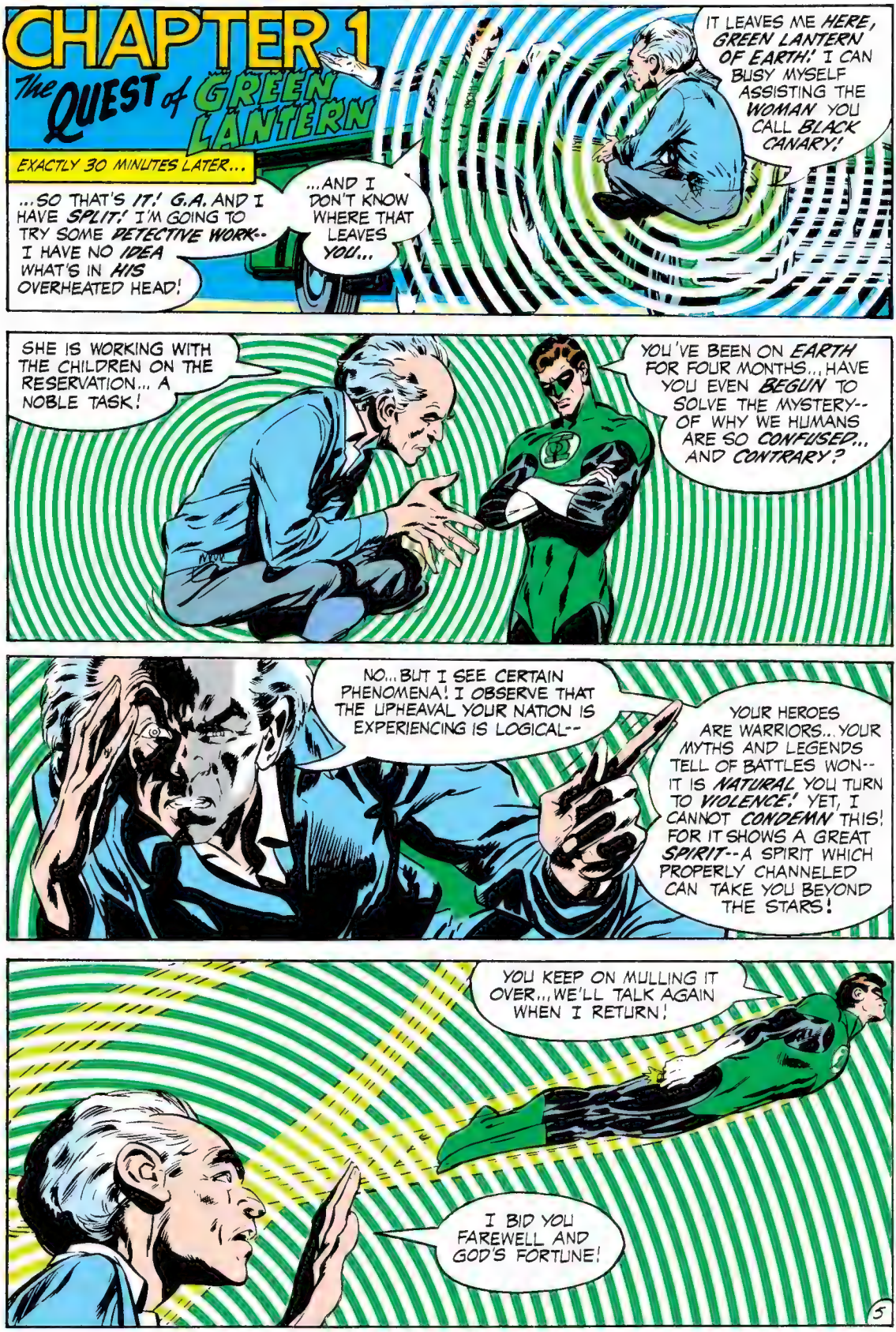
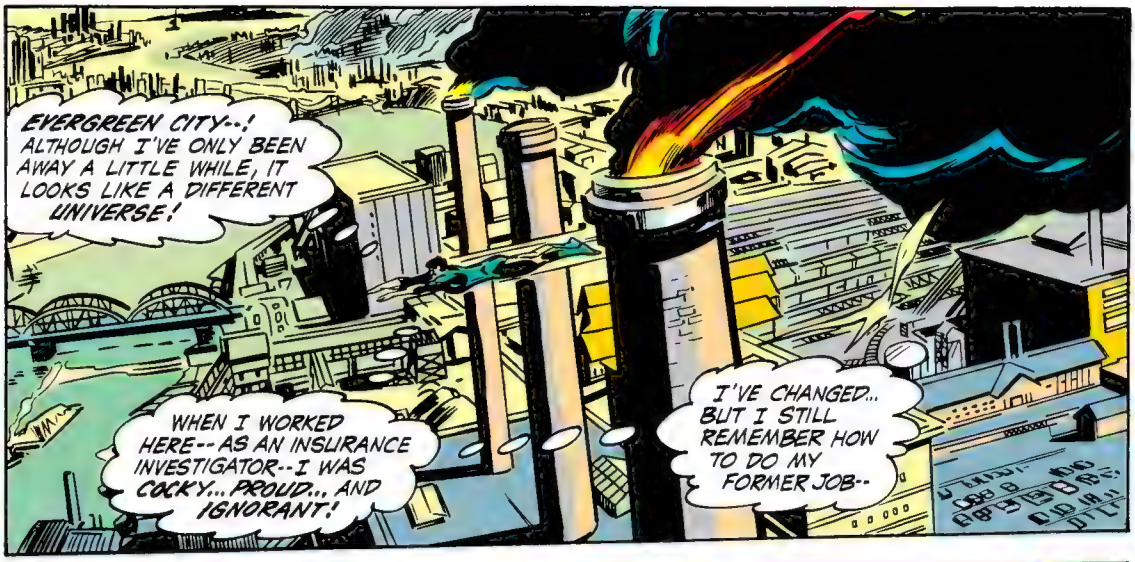
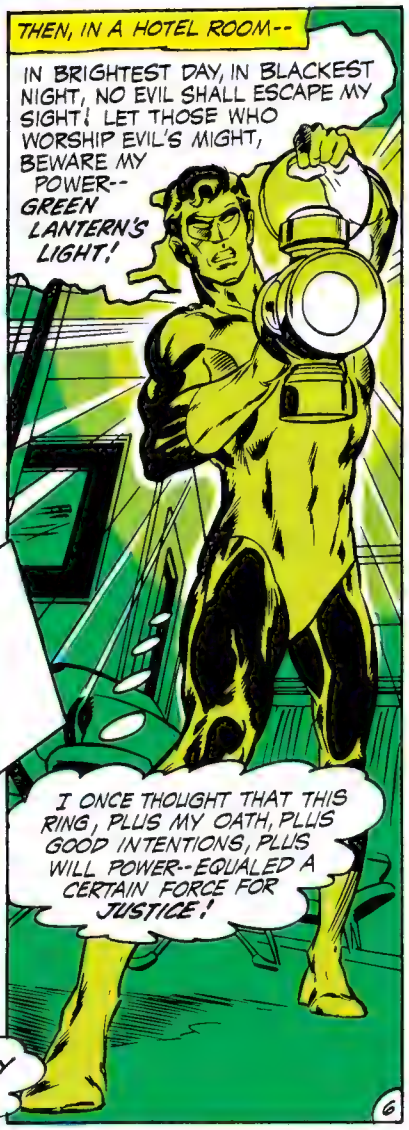
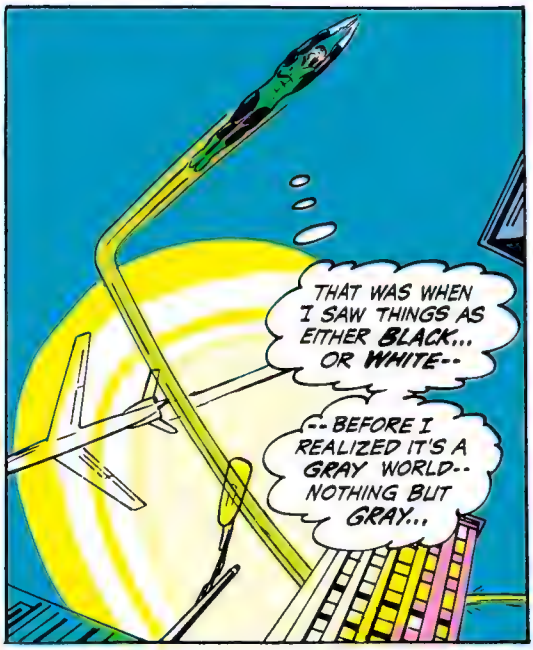

CHAPTER 1
The QUEST of GREEN LANTERN
EXACTLY 30 MINUTES LATER...
...SO THAT'S IT! G.A. AND I HAVE SPLIT! I'M GOING TO TRY SOME DETECTIVE WORK-- I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S IN HIS OVERHEATED HEAD!
...AND I DON'T KNOW WHERE THAT LEAVES YOU...
IT LEAVES ME HERE, GREEN LANTERN OF EARTH! I CAN BUSY MYSELF ASSISTING THE WOMAN YOU CALL BLACK CANARY!
SHE IS WORKING WITH THE CHILDREN ON THE RESERVATION... A NOBLE TASK!
YOU'VE BEEN ON EARTH FOR FOUR MONTHS... HAVE YOU EVEN BEGUN TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY-- OF WHY WE HUMANS ARE SO CONFUSED... AND CONTRARY?
NO... BUT I SEE CERTAIN PHENOMENA! I OBSERVE THAT THE UPHEAVAL YOUR NATION IS EXPERIENCING IS LOGICAL--
YOUR HEROES ARE WARRIORS.. YOUR MYTHS AND LEGENDS TELL OF BATTLES WON-- IT IS NATURAL YOU TURN TO VIOLENCE! YET, I CANNOT CONDEMN THIS! FOR IT SHOWS A GREAT SPIRIT--A SPIRIT WHICH PROPERLY CHANNELED CAN TAKE YOU BEYOND THE STARS!
YOU KEEP ON MULLING IT OVER... WE'LL TALK AGAIN WHEN I RETURN!
I BID YOU FAREWELL AND GOD'S FORTUNE!

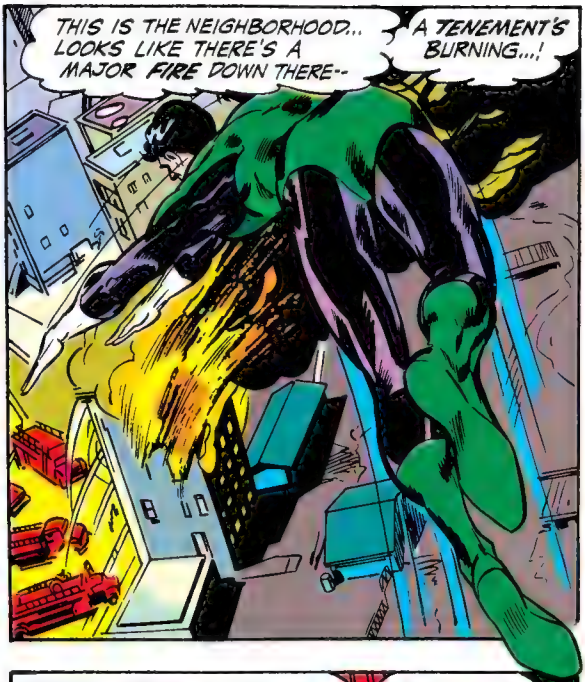

EVERGREEN CITY--! ALTHOUGH I'VE ONLY BEEN AWAY A LITTLE WHILE, IT LOOKS LIKE A DIFFERENT UNIVERSE!
WHEN I WORKED HERE--AS AN INSURANCE INVESTIGATOR--I WAS COCKY... PROUD... AND IGNORANT!
I'VE CHANGED.. BUT I STILL REMEMBER HOW TO DO MY FORMER JOB--

HE DOES, INDEED! AS HAL JORDAN, THE EMERALD CRUSADER DELVES INTO THE CITY'S RECORDS...SEARCHES OUT YELLOWING NEWSPAPERS.. LOOKING FOR A NAME, A DATE, ANY CLUE TO THE FATE OF ABE STAR, ANY CLUE AT ALL...

HE FINDS JUST ONE--
ACCORDING TO THIS RENT-LEASE, AN ABRAHAM L. STAR MOVED INTO A TENEMENT NEAR THE DOCKS 20 YEARS AGO--
ALMOST NO CHANCE HE'D STILL BE LIVING THERE...OR THAT ANYONE IN THE AREA WOULD KNOW WHERE HE'S GONE--
BUT IT'S THE ONLY LEAD I'VE GOT!


THEN, IN A HOTEL ROOM--
IN BRIGHTEST DAY, IN BLACKEST NIGHT, NO EVIL SHALL ESCAPE MY SIGHT! LET THOSE WHO WORSHIP EVIL'S MIGHT, BEWARE MY POWER-- GREEN LANTERN'S LIGHT!
I ONCE THOUGHT THAT THIS RING, PLUS MY OATH, PLUS GOOD INTENTIONS, PLUS WILL POWER--EQUALED A CERTAIN FORCE FOR JUSTICE!


THAT WAS WHEN I SAW THINGS AS EITHER BLACK... OR WHITE--
-- BEFORE I REALIZED IT'S A GRAY WORLD-- NOTHING BUT GRAY...


THIS IS THE NEIGHBORHOOD... LOOKS LIKE THERE'S A MAJOR FIRE DOWN THERE--
A TENEMENT'S BURNING...!

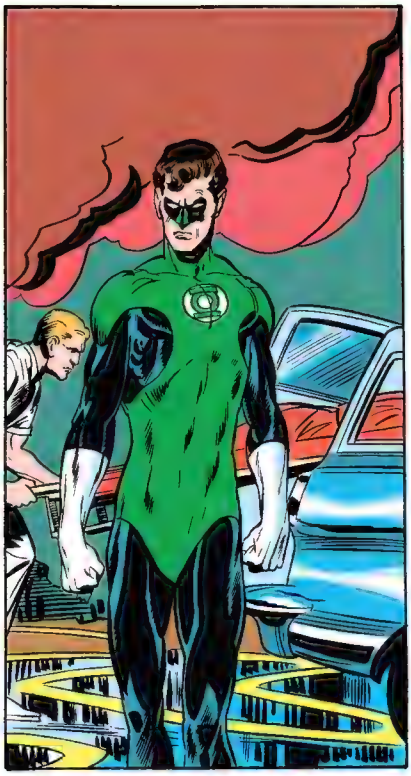
NO... NOT A TENEMENT... THE TENEMENT... ABE STAR'S LAST-KNOWN ADDRESS!
EVERYBODY OUT?
NO! THERE'S THAT OLD GUY... THAT REDSKIN... LIVES IN BACK... I DON'T SEE HIM!

WHOLE JOINT'S GOING SKY-HIGH! THESE OLD BUILDINGS BURN LIKE TINDER... SHOULD'VE BEEN TORN DOWN YEARS AGO--
NO WAY WE CAN GET INSIDE... NO WAY!
HEY... YOU-- IN THE COSTUME! GET BACK--!

KRKK
H-HELP!
HELP!
HANG ON, FELLA!--I'M COMING!
HELP!

THAT KNOCK ON THE HEAD...LEFT ME DAZED...HARD TO CONCENTRATE--
HARD TO FOCUS MY WILL THROUGH THE RING--
...UNLESS I CAN-- KNOCK DOWN THAT WALL--
...WE'RE... HOPELESSLY ...TRAPPED!
THERE SHE GOES... COLLAPSING LIKE A HOUSE OF CARDS...
THOSE POOR GUYS LEFT INSIDE...THEY'RE FINISHED! WE WON'T FIND ENOUGH OF 'EM TO BURY...
TOO BAD... BUT WE DID ALL WE COULD!

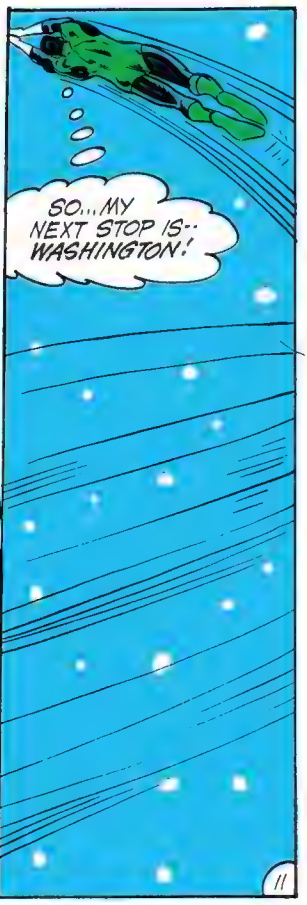
LOOK... SOMEBODY'S COMING OUT--!
G-GOT OUT THE BACK...JUST IN TIME--!
GET THAT RESPIRATOR OVER HERE... FAST!
EASY... YOU'RE PROBABLY SUFFERING FROM SHOCK!
THIS OLD GUY'S INHALED A LOT OF SMOKE...
YOU OKAY?
SURE...JUST A LITTLE SHAKEN!
IS HE WELL ENOUGH TO ANSWER A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS?
IF THEY'RE QUICK ONES--!
IS YOUR NAME STAR... ABE STAR?
IT IS... ME...THE SON OF A MIGHTY CHIEF... BEEN LIVIN' IN THIS RATHOLE...
... COULDN'T TAKE SEEIN' MY PEOPLE COOPED UP ON A RESERVATION--
COULDN'T THINK OF ANY WAY TO HELP 'EM... SO I LIT OUT-- LIKE A YELLOW-BELLY CUR--
MAYBE IT'S NOT TOO LATE... DO YOU HAVE ANY DOCUMENTS-- ANY LEGAL PAPERS?
HAD A WHOLE BOX FULL... INCLUDIN' SOME STUPID DEED TO A LOTTA TREES! A FEW MINUTES AGO, I WATCHED 'EM BURN...



NO! I WON'T GIVE UP--! THERE MUST BE ANOTHER WAY... A WAY I CAN HELP-- LEGALLY!
I CAN'T LET MYSELF BELIEVE GREEN ARROW WAS RIGHT!
MY WHOLE LIFE IS BASED ON A RESPECT FOR AUTHORITY--

I'VE ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT IF A LAW ISN'T JUST, I HAD TO DO WHATEVER POSSIBLE TO CHANGE IT...
...NOT DISOBEY IT!

MAYBE I'M WRONG... BUT I WON'T ACCEPT THAT UNTIL I'VE TRIED EVERYTHING--
--INCLUDING CALLING ON MY FRIEND CONGRESSMAN SULLIVAN!


SO... MY NEXT STOP IS-- WASHINGTON!

CHAPTER 2
THE QUEST OF GREEN ARROW
WHILE GREEN LANTERN WAS FLYING TO EVERGREEN CITY, GREEN ARROW TOOK A MUCH SHORTER TRIP--A MILE-WALK INTO THE INDIAN TOWN--WHERE HE FINDS THE BEAUTEOUS BLACK CANARY!...
THERE, SWEETIE! THE HURT WILL GO AWAY NOW!
THANK YOU, MISS CANARY!
PLAYING NURSE, BIRD-LADY?
JUST HELPING OUT...I'M SORT OF A ONE-WOMAN VISTA PROJECT!
WHY--?
I FELT I HAD TO DO SOMETHING... TO GET MY HEAD TOGETHER!
I CAN'T FORGET THAT I ALMOST... SHOT YOU--!
WELL, YOU SHOULD! YOU WERE HYPNOTIZED... NOT IN YOUR RIGHT MIND!
YOU'VE SPENT TIME WITH THESE PEOPLE... WHAT'S YOUR DIAGNOSIS? DO THEY NEED FOOD? MEDICINE?
THOSE THINGS, CERTAINLY!-- AND MORE! THEY NEED SOMETHING NO ONE CAN GIVE--
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THEY'VE BEEN UNDER THE WHITE MAN'S HEEL FOR SO LONG THEY'VE LOST FAITH IN THEMSELVES--
THEY NO LONGER BELIEVE IN THEMSELVES AS A TRIBE-- A SOCIETY-- OR EVEN AS HUMAN BEINGS!
I CAN'T SUGGEST ANY HELP FOR THAT!
MAYBE... JUST MAYBE--I CAN!
A FEW HOURS LATER...
HEY, THEM INJUN MELONS LOOK REAL FINE!
YEAH... LET'S GIT US A COUPLE!
MMMM... MIGHTY TASTY! ONLY MAYBE WE SHOULDN'T OUGHTA STAY HERE! I MEAN, IT IS INJUN PROPERTY!
SO FREAKING WHAT!? REDSKINS AIN'T GONNA HASSLE US!
THWACK
HUH--? A ARROW!?
AWAY, THIEVES!
DO NOT VENTURE UPON THIS GROUND AGAIN... NEITHER YOU NOR ANY OF YOUR KIND!
I--THE SPIRIT OF ULYSSES STAR-- COMMAND IT!
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THEN, AT A NEARBY LUMBERMEN'S HANGOUT...
I TELL YA, WE SEEN HIM--
--OR IT!
YEAH? HOW MUCH HOME BREW YA LAP UP FIRST?
ASK THIS HERE BOY...
THERE AIN'T NO INJUN SPOOKS, IS THERE-- BOY?
ANYTHING YOU SAY, BOSS!
I FIND THE VERY CONCEPT RATHER... AMUSING!
RI-I-I-IGHT! 'S A LAUGH...
HAWWW
SSHHHENK
STOP PERSECUTING MY PEOPLE--OR ANSWER TO ME-- THE SPIRIT OF ULYSSES STAR!

DON'T BE FRIGHTENED BY A SILLY PLAY-ACTOR!
GIT 'IM!
AIN'T NOBODY HERE!
MEBBE HE MADE OFF THROUGH THE WOODS-- YA THINK?
I DUNNO... I HOPE SO!
IT'D BE KINDA BAD IF HE WAS A SPOOK... WOULDN'T IT?
DON'T BE INSANE! GHOSTS INDEED... IT WAS A HOAX!
PUDD'S A DUDE... BUT HE TALKS PLAIN SENSE!
WE'RE GONNA CUT THAT INJUN LUMBER AND AIN'T NOBODY GONNA STOP US!
I EXPECT ALL OF YA TO BE READY TOMORROW AT DAWN!
GOTTA TELL THE TRIBE--
AND, EXACTLY FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER--
I SAW HIM... WITH MY OWN EYES!-- THE GHOST OF ULYSSES STAR!
YOU'D BETTER GET SOME SLEEP... THE PALE-FACES BEEN WORKIN' YOU TOO HARD! YOU'RE SEEIN' THINGS!
NO, HE ISN'T!
I APPEARED... I DID ALL HE SAID!
SEE?! I TOLD YA!
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MISTER, I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, BEHIND THAT MASK... AND IT'S TOO LATE IN THE YEAR FOR HALLOWEEN--
-- SO I SUGGEST YOU HAUL OUT OF HERE!
YOU'RE NO MORE THE GHOST OF CHIEF ULYSSES THAN I'M SITTING BULL!
WHETHER OR NOT I'M WHAT I APPEAR TO BE ISN'T IMPORTANT.

...BUT WHAT I REPRESENT IS! YOU WERE ONCE A PROUD PEOPLE... A GREAT PEOPLE...
...AND YOU CAN BE AGAIN! FIRST, THOUGH, YOU HAVE TO STOP PLAYING DOORMAT FOR O'ROURKE AND PUDD...
...AND BE WILLING TO FIGHT FOR YOUR RIGHTS!

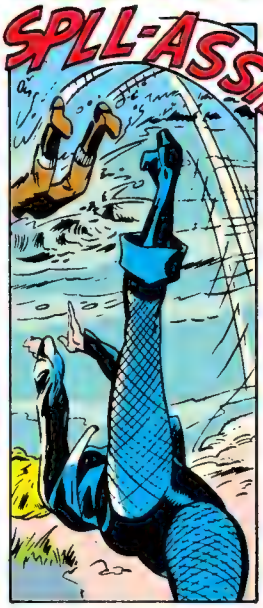
IN A FEW HOURS, O'ROURKE'S MOB WILL BE TAKING YOUR TREES... UNLESS YOU STOP THEM!
I MAY BE A GHOST... OR I MAY NOT... IN EITHER CASE, THE SPIRIT OF YOUR FORMER GREATNESS IS IN YOUR HEARTS--
ULYSSES STAR IS STILL ALIVE!

CHAPTER 3
"THE LAST STAND!"
DAWN... THE QUIET RUSTLE OF LEAVES, THE SOFT BABBLING OF A CLEAR MOUNTAIN STREAM-- AND HARSH HUMAN VOICES--
OUTTA THE WAY!
NOT A CHANCE! YOUR CLAIM TO THE LUMBER IS DOUBTFUL--AND YOUR CLAIM TO THIS STREAM JUST ISN'T.
OUR LAWYERS SAY WE CAN STOP YOU FROM CROSSING-- AND WE'RE GONNA!
YOU ON THE REDSKINS' SIDE, MISS?

I DESPISE VIOLENCE... BUT I WON'T LET YOU TAKE THE LITTLE THE TRIBE HAS LEFT!

I THINK THEY GOT A POINT... COUNT ME OUT!
ME TOO!
SURE... ONLY DON'T FIGGER ON WORKIN' LUMBER NO MORE-- EVER!
I SHALL PERSONALLY SEE TO IT THAT ANY REBELS WILL BE BLACKLISTED!

TAKE 'EM!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CHUK
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I GOTTA HAND IT TO THE REDSKINS... THEY'RE MAKIN' A GOOD FRACAS!
TRUE! I TRUST, HOWEVER, THAT YOUR STALWARTS WILL VANQUISH THEM!
WHERE'S YER GOL-DANG SPOOK NOW THAT YA NEED HIM, HUH?
HERE!
STOP IT!
NOTHING WILL BE SETTLED LIKE... THIS!
I'VE BROUGHT U.S. REPRESENTATIVE SULLIVAN! HE'S PROMISED TO LOOK INTO THE TRIBE'S CLAIMS!
UNTIL HE DOES, GO HOME-- ALL OF YOU!
SURE...GO HOME-- SIT ON YOUR HANDS! --LIKE ALWAYS! BE NICE WHILE YOU'RE BEING ROBBED BLIND! CAN IT, LANTERN! GO, CRAWL BACK TO YOUR PALS, THE GUARDIANS!
THAT SOUNDS LIKE A CHALLENGE!
DARN RIGHT IT IS!
I FIGURED YOU MIGHT SHOW... AND START SLINGING THAT POWER BEAM! SO I PREPARED--
--MY COSTUME IS YELLOW! YOUR RING IS USELESS AGAINST ME!
YOU WANT TO MIX IT WITHOUT YOUR RING?
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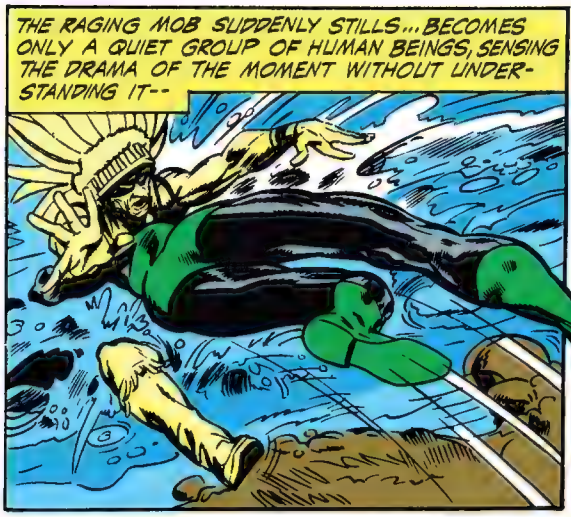
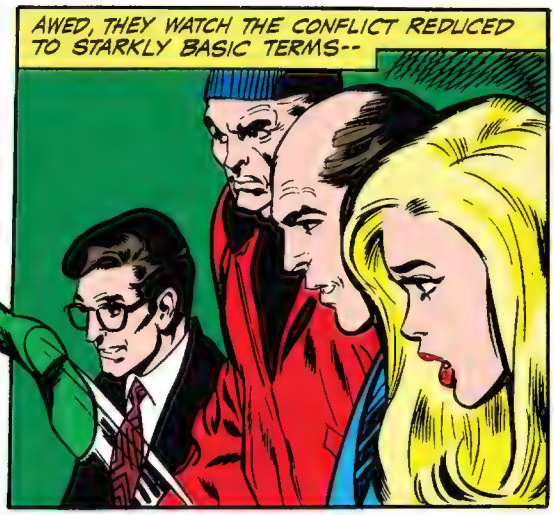
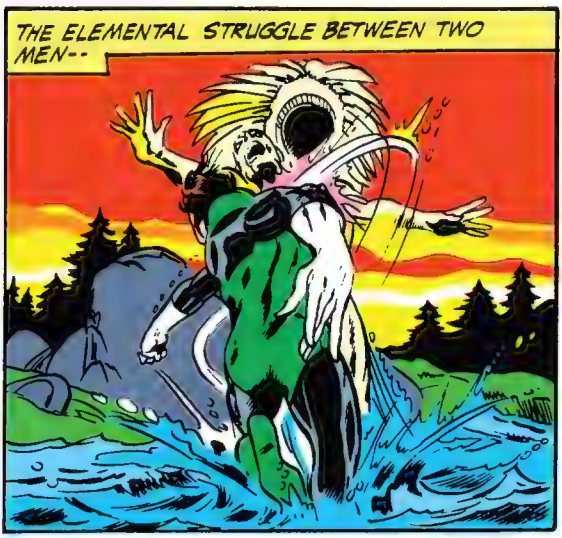
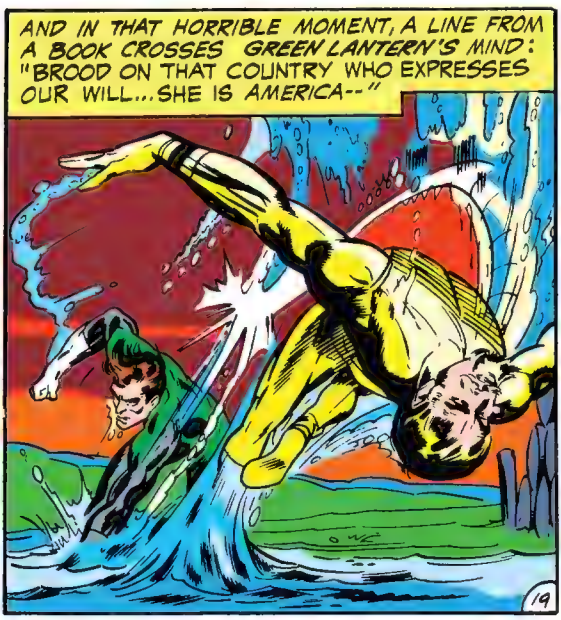

THE RAGING MOB SUDDENLY STILLS... BECOMES ONLY A QUIET GROUP OF HUMAN BEINGS, SENSING THE DRAMA OF THE MOMENT WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING IT--


AWED, THEY WATCH THE CONFLICT REDUCED TO STARKLY BASIC TERMS--

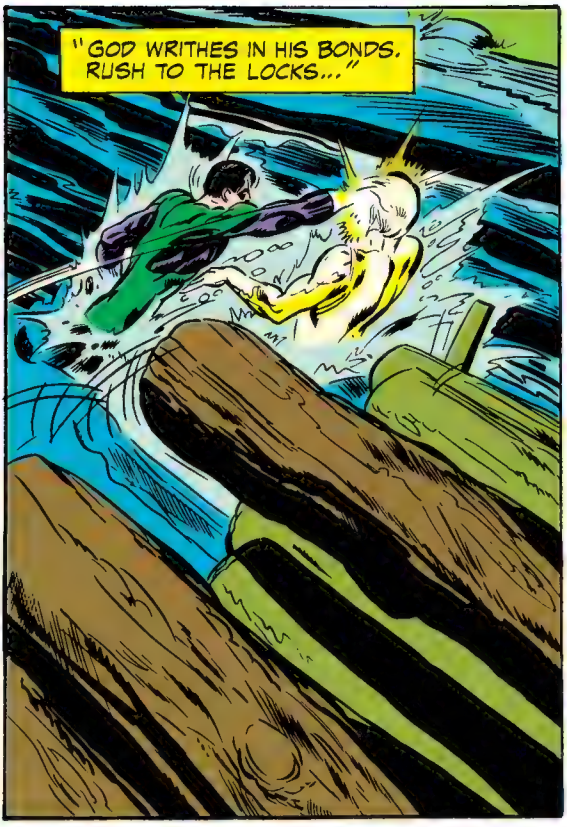

THE ELEMENTAL STRUGGLE BETWEEN TWO MEN--

--EACH FIRED BY A BELIEF IN JUSTICE! BOTH UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND THE REASON FOR THEIR TERRIBLE NEED TO HIT, TO DESTROY...

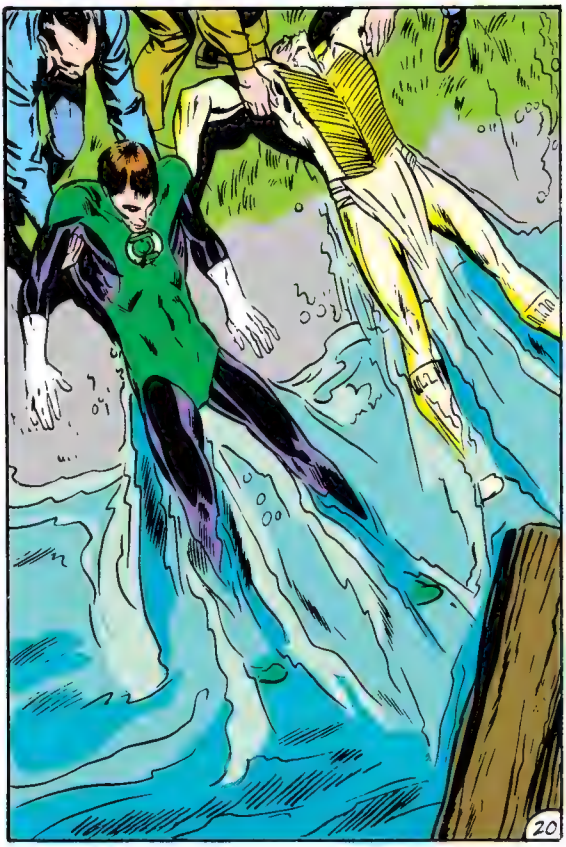
THE MASKS FALL, AND THEY LOOK, THEY SEE, AND THEY KNOW THEY ARE LOOKING UPON THEIR NATION, THEIR WORLD, IN THE AGONIZED EXPRESSION OF A FRIEND'S FACE--


AND IN THAT HORRIBLE MOMENT, A LINE FROM A BOOK CROSSES GREEN LANTERN'S MIND: "BROOD ON THAT COUNTRY WHO EXPRESSES OUR WILL... SHE IS AMERICA--"

"...ONCE A BEAUTY OF MAGNIFICENCE UNPARALLELED, NOW A BEAUTY WITH LEPROUS SKIN..."


"GOD WRITHES IN HIS BONDS. RUSH TO THE LOCKS..."

"DELIVER US FROM OUR CURSE..."

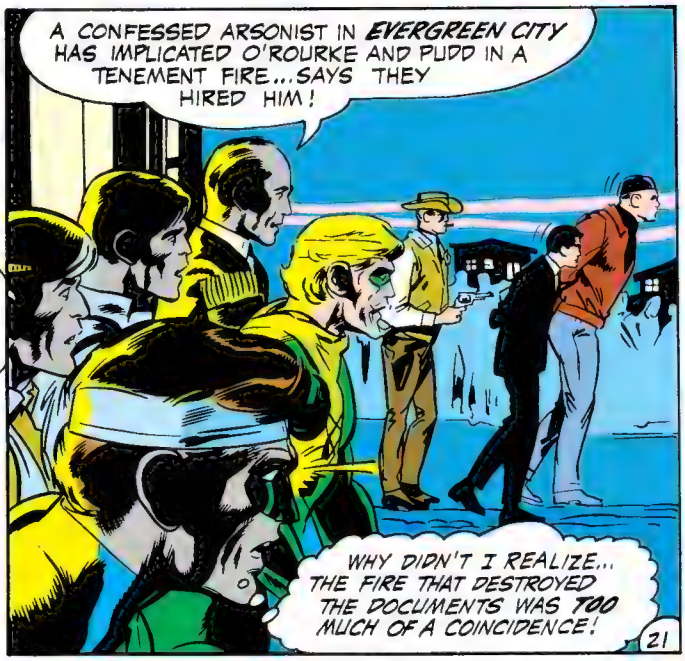


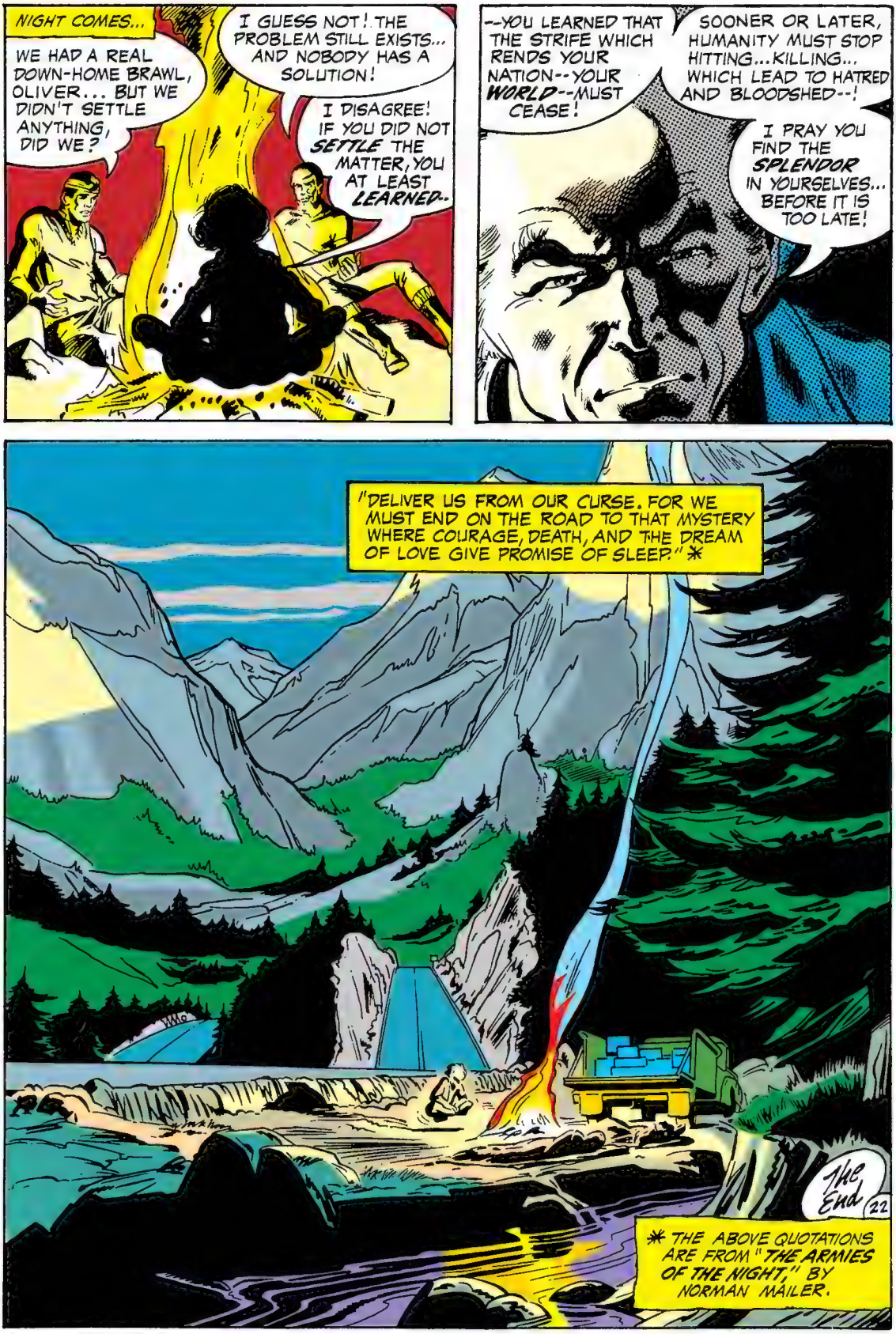
LATER, IN THE RESERVATION CAFE...
...SO I FIGURED IF A SYMBOL--A SYMBOL LIKE ULYSSES STAR--APPEARED, IT'D PUT SOME STARCH INTO THE TRIBE!
--BECAUSE, BLAST IT, THEY'RE FINE... THEY CAN BE...THE BEST!
AND YOU SUCCEEDED, GREEN ARROW! I'M GOING WITH REPRESENTATIVE SULLIVAN--

I'M GONNA MAKE CONGRESS LISTEN!
LOTS OF LUCK, CHUM! SURE, THEY'LL LISTEN... MAYBE EVEN GET AROUND TO PASSING A LAW IN TEN YEARS OR SO--

--MEANTIME, OUR KIDS GO SHOELESS... OUR OLD FOLKS DON'T HAVE DECENT MEDICAL ATTENTION--
EATS

ME, I'M STAYING ON THE SPOT... AND IF O'ROURKE AND PUDD TRY STEPPIN' ON US, I'M GONNA STEP BACK!
THE JUDICIAL PROCESS IS SLOW, I ADMIT... BUT IN SOME CASES IT'S FAR-REACHING! COME ON OUT HERE!


A CONFESSED ARSONIST IN EVERGREEN CITY HAS IMPLICATED O'ROURKE AND PUDD IN A TENEMENT FIRE...SAYS THEY HIRED HIM!
WHY DIDN'T I REALIZE... THE FIRE THAT DESTROYED THE DOCUMENTS WAS TOO MUCH OF A COINCIDENCE!


NIGHT COMES...
WE HAD A REAL DOWN-HOME BRAWL, OLIVER... BUT WE DIDN'T SETTLE ANYTHING, DID WE?
I GUESS NOT! THE PROBLEM STILL EXISTS... AND NOBODY HAS A SOLUTION!
I DISAGREE! IF YOU DID NOT SETTLE THE MATTER, YOU AT LEAST LEARNED..
--YOU LEARNED THAT THE STRIFE WHICH RENDS YOUR NATION--YOUR WORLD--MUST CEASE!
SOONER OR LATER, HUMANITY MUST STOP HITTING...KILLING... WHICH LEAD TO HATRED AND BLOODSHED--!
I PRAY YOU FIND THE SPLENDOR IN YOURSELVES... BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!
"DELIVER US FROM OUR CURSE. FOR WE MUST END ON THE ROAD TO THAT MYSTERY WHERE COURAGE, DEATH, AND THE DREAM OF LOVE GIVE PROMISE OF SLEEP." *
The End
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* THE ABOVE QUOTATIONS ARE FROM "THE ARMIES OF THE NIGHT," BY NORMAN MAILER.

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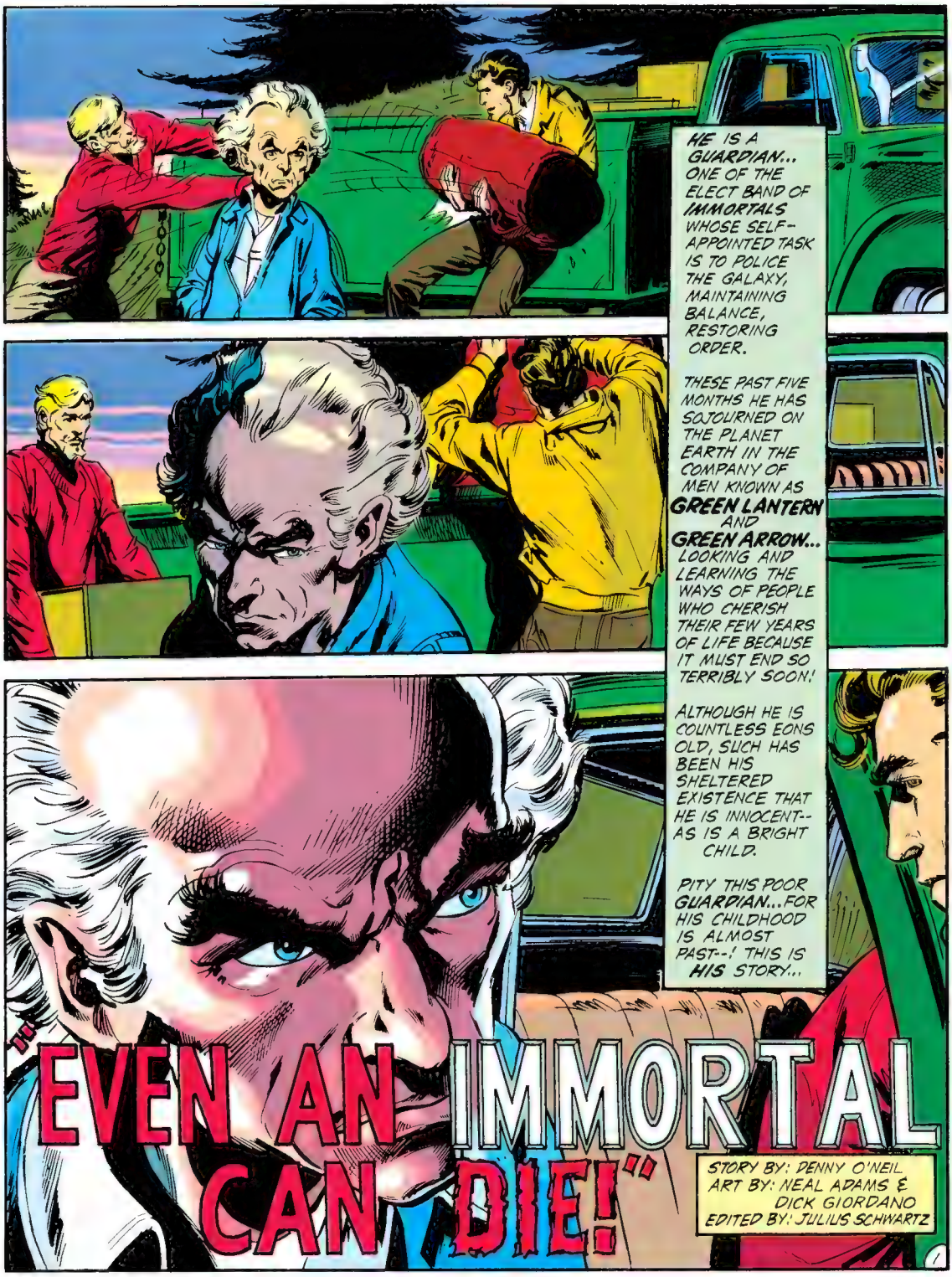
GREEN LANTERN CO-STARRING GREEN ARROW

GUILTY!

Conspiracy Trio Sentenced To Die!

Judge Says Trial Was Fair And Impartial.

Justice prevailed today as three men were sentenced to the death-chamber for "crimes against humanity"! One, a member of the famous Green Lantern Corps, protested the evidence and moved for a retrial. The motion was denied without prejudice by the presiding judge of Intergalactic Court, Genocide Division


HE IS A GUARDIAN... ONE OF THE ELECT BAND OF IMMORTALS WHOSE SELF-APPOINTED TASK IS TO POLICE THE GALAXY, MAINTAINING BALANCE, RESTORING ORDER.
THESE PAST FIVE MONTHS HE HAS SOJOURNED ON THE PLANET EARTH IN THE COMPANY OF MEN KNOWN AS GREEN LANTERN AND GREEN ARROW... LOOKING AND LEARNING THE WAYS OF PEOPLE WHO CHERISH THEIR FEW YEARS OF LIFE BECAUSE IT MUST END SO TERRIBLY SOON!
ALTHOUGH HE IS COUNTLESS EONS OLD, SUCH HAS BEEN HIS SHELTERED EXISTENCE THAT HE IS INNOCENT--AS IS A BRIGHT CHILD.
PITY THIS POOR GUARDIAN...FOR HIS CHILDHOOD IS ALMOST PAST--! THIS IS HIS STORY...
"EVEN AN IMMORTAL CAN DIE!"
STORY BY: DENNY O'NEIL
ART BY: NEAL ADAMS & DICK GIORDANO
EDITED BY: JULIUS SCHWARTZ

LATE SUMMER... TWILIGHT... A BRIDGE OVER A RIVER SOMEWHERE IN THE NORTHWESTERN UNITED STATES...
I'VE BEEN THINKING...WE SHOULD GIVE UP DOING THE EASY RIDER THING! WE'VE CROSSED THE COUNTRY TWICE...HAD SOME ADVENTURES, SEEN SOME SIGHTS...
I, FOR ONE, NEED TIME TO MULL IT OVER--MAKE SENSE OF IT--!
THERE IS WISDOM IN YOUR REFLECTIONS, OLIVER QUEEN!
SUDDENLY--!
OLLIE... WATCH OUT!
--THAT IDIOT--
KRAASH
I WAS DOZING WHEN THAT MONSTER TRUCKING RIG SLID INTO OUR PATH...
IF OLLIE'S REFLEXES WEREN'T SO GOOD, I'D HAVE BEEN SNOOZING PERMANENTLY!
I'LL PUT A POWER-RING SPHERE AROUND US AND DITCH MY HAL JORDAN CLOTHES!
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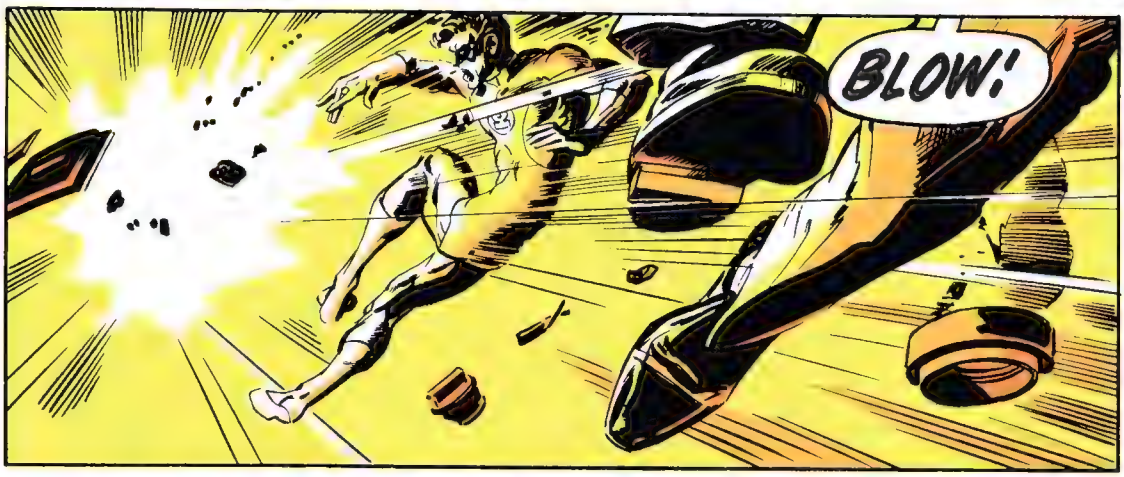
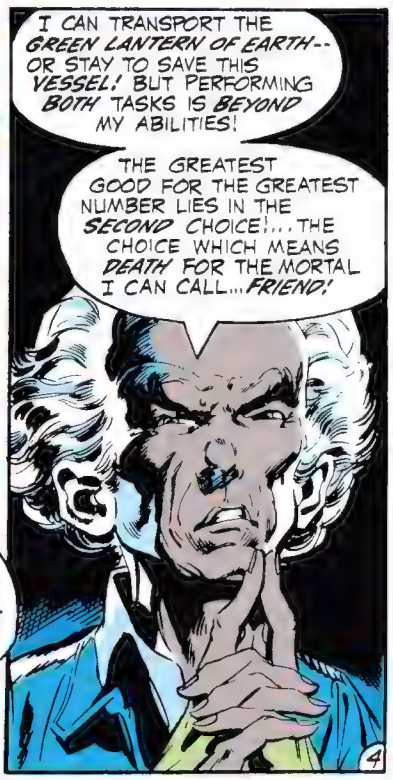
NEXT STOP, THE SURFACE AND AIR!
MAYBE OLLIE WILL APPRECIATE APPEARING IN HIS GREEN ARROW GEAR! IT'S EASY ENOUGH TO POWER-RING IT UP FROM THE BOTTOM...
AS FOR THE TRUCK...IT'S PROBABLY SCRAP METAL!
JUST GIVE ME A MINUTE ALONE WITH THAT IMBECILE TRUCKER... THAT'S ALL I ASK--! HE MUSTA GOTTEN HIS DRIVERS LICENSE FROM A GUM MACHINE!
FIRST, WE BETTER WORRY ABOUT GETTING DRY! WE MAY BE ABLE TO HITCH A RIDE ON THAT BOAT!
WHY DO YOU NOT USE YOUR RING TO CONVEY US?
BECAUSE I PROMISED GREEN ARROW TO PLAY THIS LITTLE ODYSSEY STRICTLY HUMAN WHENEVER POSSIBLE!
AHOY! YOU GUYS ON THE BOAT!
I'VE PULLED CATFISH AND SNAPPERS AND A WHOLE LOTTA TIRES OUTTA THIS RIVER... BUT I NEVER FIGURED ON HAULIN' IN A SET OF SUPER-HEROES!
WHAT'S YOUR CARGO, CAPTAIN?
A LOTTA GUNK!--WASTES... POISONS USED IN MAKIN' PLASTICS THE GOVERNMENT JUST OUTLAWED!
WE'RE TAKIN' 'EM TO A PLACE WHERE THEY CAN BE BROKEN DOWN AND DISPOSED OF!
HEY, AL! C'MERE--ON THE DOUBLE!
IT'S THE BOILER... SHE'S WAY OVERHEATED--!
WHY THE DEVIL DIDN'T YOU WATCH HER?
CAN I HELP?

NOT UNLESS THAT RING OF YOURS CAN DOCTOR A SICK MACHINE!
CLUNK
MARINE-REPAIR IS A BIT OUT OF MY LINE!
THEN WE'D BETTER SCRAM OUTTA HERE!-- BECAUSE SHE'S ABOUT TO...


BLOW!

MOMENTS LATER...
GREEN LANTERN'S OUT.!--MAYBE WORSE! AN' BELOW-DECKS BURNIN' LIKE A TORCH!
HIT THAT FIRE-EQUIPMENT, YA SWABBIES--FAST!

HE LOOKS BAD--REAL BAD! WE'VE GOT TO GET HIM MEDICAL HELP--OR ELSE!
YES! BUT MY LONG VISIT ON YOUR PLANET HAS WEAKENED ME!
HEY--DON'T YOU HAVE LANTERN POWER? I REMEMBER GL SAYING THE GUARDIANS' BODIES ARE LIKE GIANT POWER RINGS!


I CAN TRANSPORT THE GREEN LANTERN OF EARTH--OR STAY TO SAVE THIS VESSEL! BUT PERFORMING BOTH TASKS IS BEYOND MY ABILITIES!
THE GREATEST GOOD FOR THE GREATEST NUMBER LIES IN THE SECOND CHOICE!... THE CHOICE WHICH MEANS DEATH FOR THE MORTAL I CAN CALL... FRIEND!
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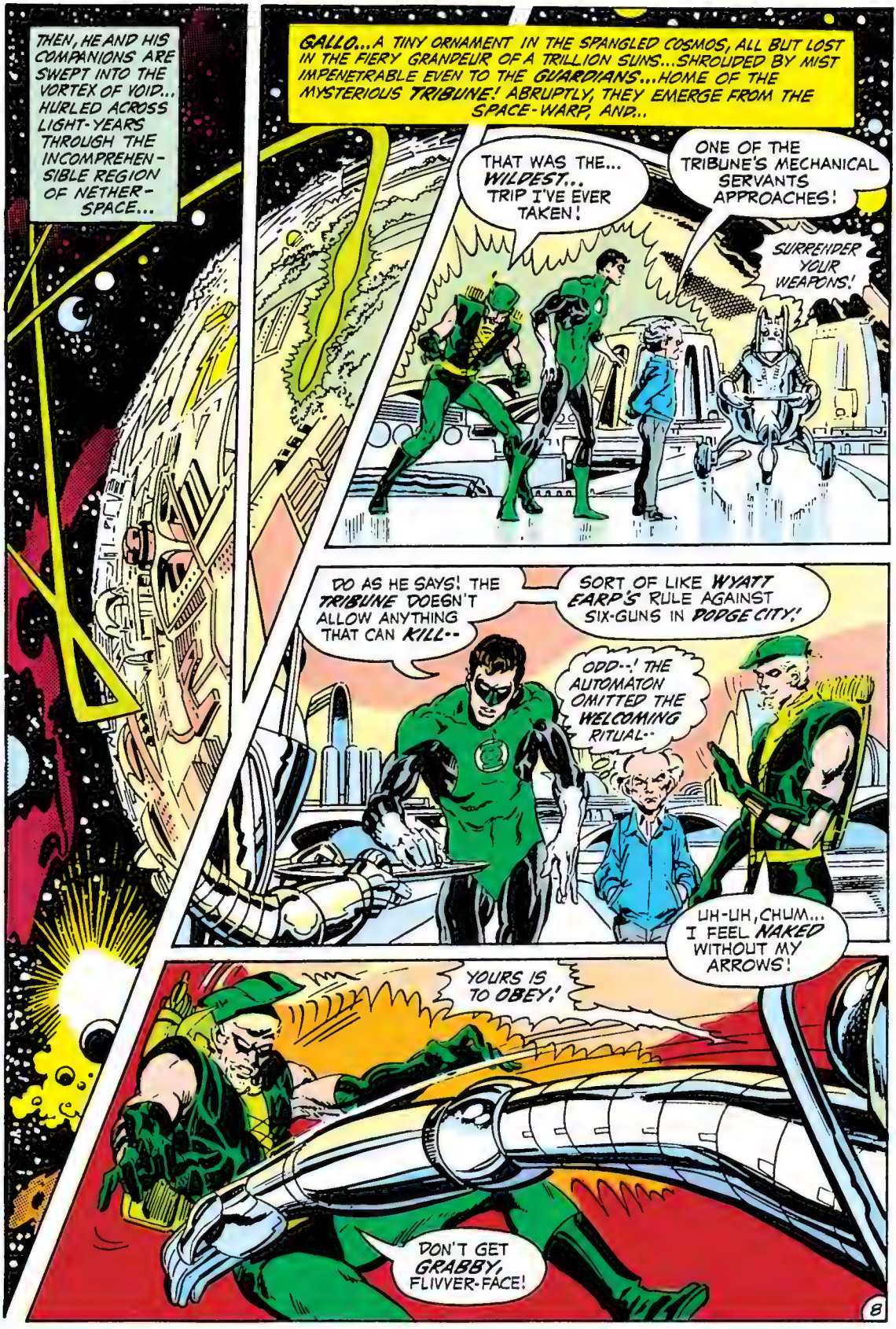
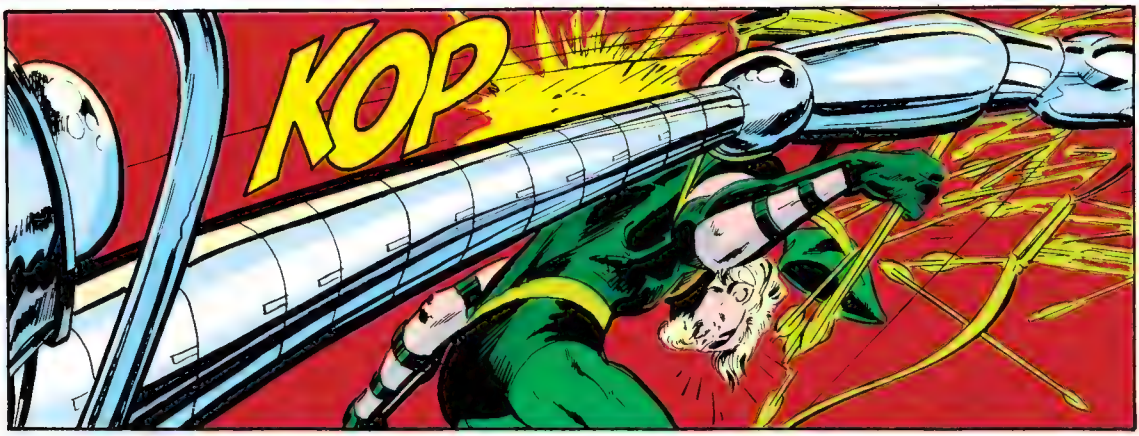
THOUGH I MAY BE A FOOL... I DO AS MY SOUL DICTATES--
--THOUGH I REALIZE GRAVE HARM MAY ACCRUE SHOULD THIS CARGO SINK!
ATTA BOY, OLD-TIMER! GET THE LANTERN PATCHED UP! I'LL STAY AND HELP HERE!
YOU GUYS FLIPPED YOUR BIRDS--PUTTING POISONS INTO THE WATER?
NO CHOICE, MISTER! THE GUNK IN THESE BARRELS IS EXPLOSIVE!
AN' IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED, THE DECK'S GETTIN' HOT!
UNLESS WE DUMP 'EM, WE ALL GO UP LIKE A PACK OF ROMAN CANDLES!
YOU MAKE A STRONG POINT, FRIEND!
A FEW OF THE STEEL DRUMS SPLIT UPON IMPACT.. AND NOXIOUS GREY FILTH OOZES INTO THE RIVER...
THE BLAZE IS UNDER CONTROL--!
DON'T BE MAD AT ME! I DIDN'T LIKE DUMPIN' THAT STUFF EITHER!
IT'S NOT YOU, SAILOR! IT'S THE GREEDY SCRUFFS WHO MADE THE SLOP IN THE FIRST PLACE!

EARLY THE NEXT MORNING, AT A NEARBY HOSPITAL...
I SEE THE DOCS PUT YOU BACK TOGETHER, PAL! I DON'T EVEN SEE THE SEAMS!
THERE AREN'T ANY! BUT IT WAS CLOSE... I WAS NEARLY DEAD FROM SHOCK!
SO OUR ONLY CASUALTY WAS OUR TRUCK!
DO YOU REALIZE THAT WE HAD TWO SERIOUS ACCIDENTS IN A HOUR?
IF I WERE PARANOID, I'D SAY THAT SOMEONE UP THERE DOESN'T LIKE US--
ATTENTION, LAW-BREAKER ON THE PLANET EARTH
THAT VOICE--! FROM...NOWHERE! IS IT TALKING TO US?
JUST... ONE OF US!
I AM HE WHO IS ADDRESSED!
YOU HAVE ERRED GRIEVOUSLY! YOU HAVE PLACED THE WELFARE OF A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL ABOVE THAT OF A WHOLE WORLD!
ALREADY, EARTH'S NATURAL SYSTEMS ARE BADLY DISRUPTED! YOU HAVE ABETTED FURTHER DISRUPTION BY DESERTING THE BURNING VESSEL!
I AM... GUILTY!

IN A PIG'S EAR, HE'S GUILTY! LOOK, YOU FOSSILS, HE WAS SAVING HIS FRIEND... IT WAS THE ONLY HUMAN THING TO DO!
IN YOUR TERRESTRIAL EMOTION, GREEN ARROW, YOU FAIL TO SEE THAT OUR FELLOW'S ACT WAS ACTUALLY CRUEL!
HE HAS BEQUEATHED TO YET UNBORN GENERATIONS A HERITAGE OF A WRACKED ENVIRONMENT!
LIKE YOU HUMANS, HE HAS TRADED THE SPLENDOR, BEAUTY, AND HEALTH OF YOUR WORLD FOR IMMEDIATE COMFORT!
IT IS A BARGAIN WE CANNOT CONDONE! THEREFORE, OUR FELLOW IS SUMMONED TO GALLO-- THE PLACE OF THE TRIBUNE!
MAY WE ACCOMPANY HIM-- AS WITNESSES?
PERMISSION GRANTED!
AS THE GUARDIANS FADE AWAY...
WHAT'S THIS... GALLO?
A SMALL SATELLITE AT THE EDGE OF THE GALAXY... NEAR OA! THERE'S A RACE EVEN OLDER THAN THE GUARDIANS...
...A GROUP DEVOTED TO STUDYING THE IMMUTABLE LAWS OF CREATION--AND TO HOLDING COURT... JUDGING THOSE WHO VIOLATE THOSE LAWS!
WE'LL GO... AS SOON AS I DO SOMETHING--
IN BRIGHTEST DAY IN BLACKEST NIGHT, NO EVIL SHALL ESCAPE MY SIGHT! LET THOSE WHO WORSHIP EVIL'S MIGHT, BEWARE MY POWER-- GREEN LANTERN'S LIGHT!


THEN, HE AND HIS COMPANIONS ARE SWEPT INTO THE VORTEX OF VOID... HURLED ACROSS LIGHT-YEARS THROUGH THE INCOMPREHENSIBLE REGION OF NETHER-SPACE...
GALLO...A TINY ORNAMENT IN THE SPANGLED COSMOS, ALL BUT LOST IN THE FIERY GRANDEUR OF A TRILLION SUNS...SHROUDED BY MIST IMPENETRABLE EVEN TO THE GUARDIANS...HOME OF THE MYSTERIOUS TRIBUNE! ABRUPTLY, THEY EMERGE FROM THE SPACE-WARP, AND..
THAT WAS THE... WILDEST... TRIP I'VE EVER TAKEN!
ONE OF THE TRIBUNE'S MECHANICAL SERVANTS APPROACHES!
SURRENDER YOUR WEAPONS!
DO AS HE SAYS! THE TRIBUNE DOESN'T ALLOW ANYTHING THAT CAN KILL--
SORT OF LIKE WYATT EARP'S RULE AGAINST SIX-GUNS IN DODGE CITY!
ODD--! THE AUTOMATON OMITTED THE WELCOMING RITUAL--
UH-UH, CHUM... I FEEL NAKED WITHOUT MY ARROWS!
YOURS IS TO OBEY!
DON'T GET GRABBY, FLIVVER-FACE!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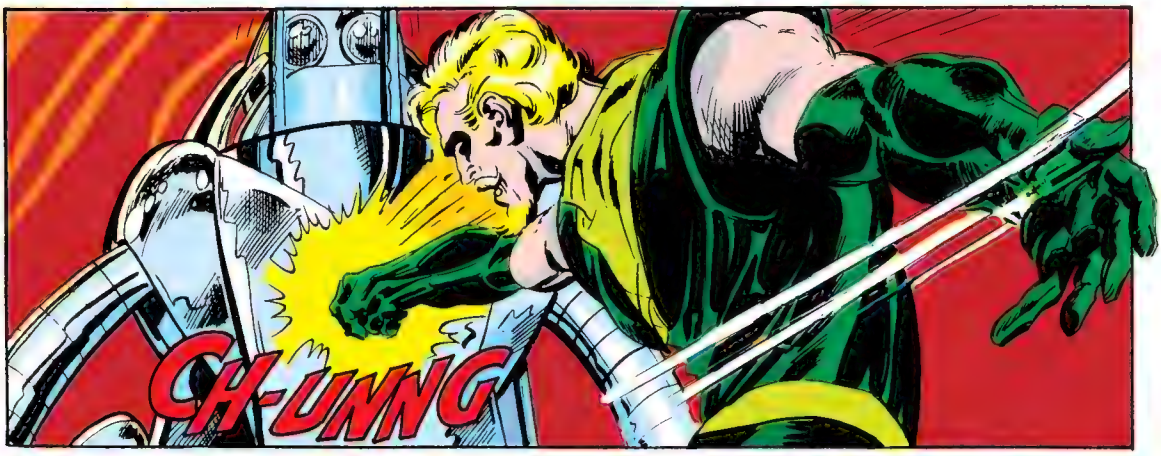
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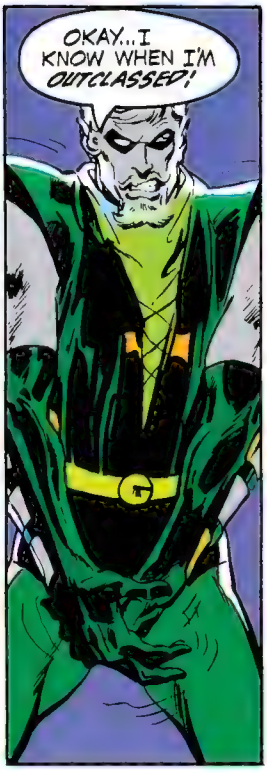
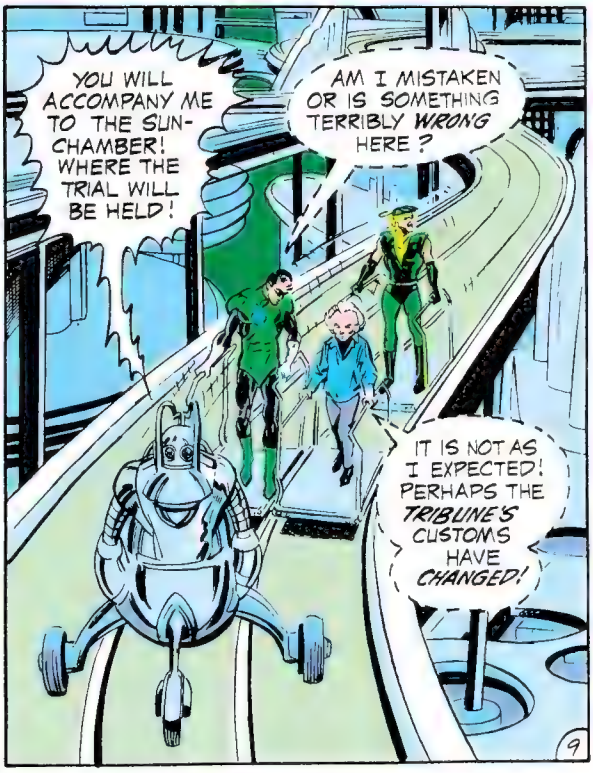
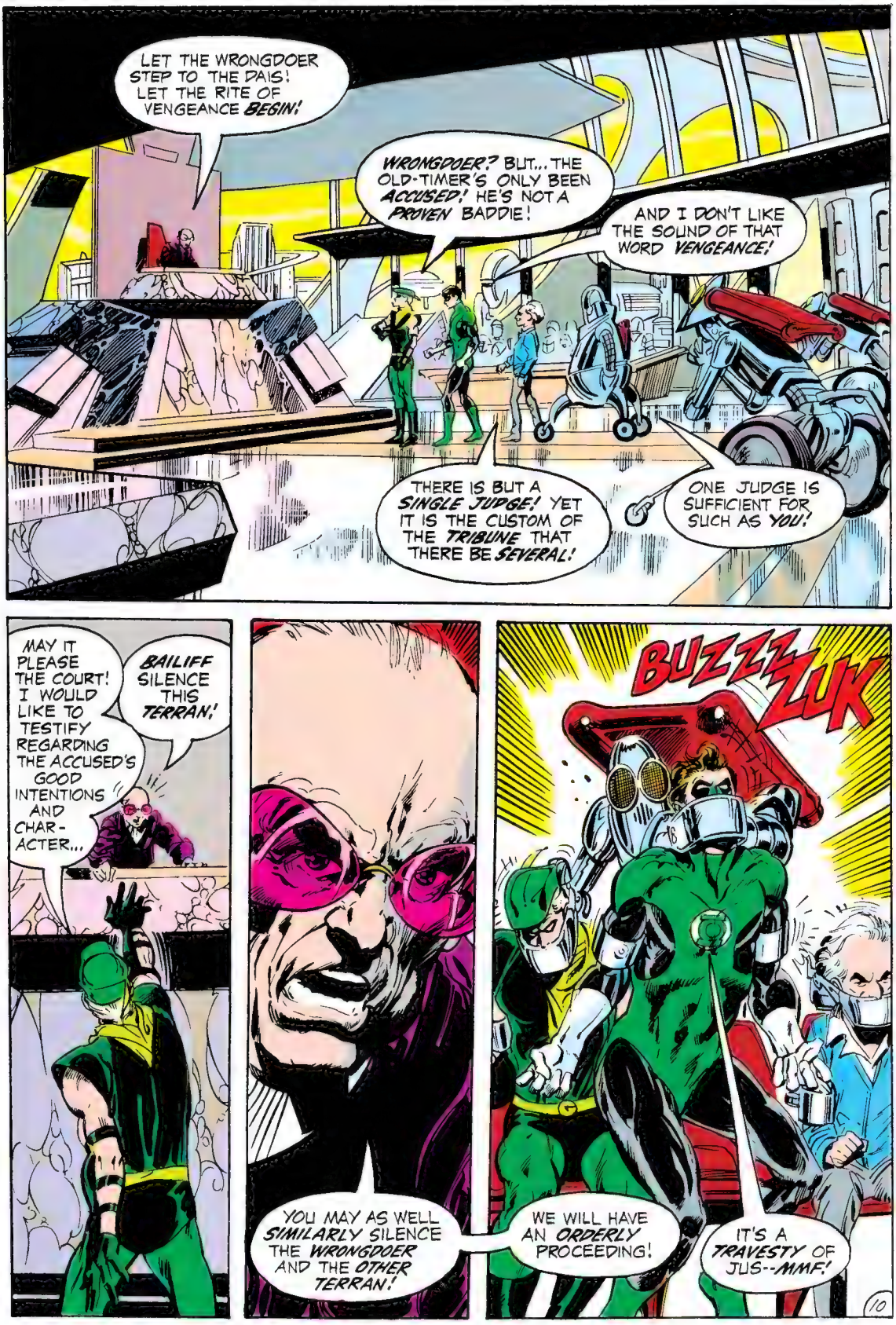
OWW-OOO!


OKAY... I KNOW WHEN I'M OUTCLASSED!


YOU WILL ACCOMPANY ME TO THE SUN-CHAMBER! WHERE THE TRIAL WILL BE HELD!
AM I MISTAKEN OR IS SOMETHING TERRIBLY WRONG HERE?
IT IS NOT AS I EXPECTED! PERHAPS THE TRIBUNE'S CUSTOMS HAVE CHANGED!


LET THE WRONGDOER STEP TO THE DAIS! LET THE RITE OF VENGEANCE BEGIN!
WRONGDOER? BUT... THE OLD-TIMER'S ONLY BEEN ACCUSED! HE'S NOT A PROVEN BADDIE!
AND I DON'T LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT WORD VENGEANCE!
THERE IS BUT A SINGLE JUDGE! YET IT IS THE CUSTOM OF THE TRIBUNE THAT THERE BE SEVERAL!
ONE JUDGE IS SUFFICIENT FOR SUCH AS YOU!
MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT! I WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY REGARDING THE ACCUSED'S GOOD INTENTIONS AND CHAR-ACTER...
BAILIFF SILENCE THIS TERRAN!
YOU MAY AS WELL SIMILARLY SILENCE THE WRONGDOER AND THE OTHER TERRAN!
BUZZZZUK
WE WILL HAVE AN ORDERLY PROCEEDING!
IT'S A TRAVESTY OF JUS--MMF!
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COURT IS IN SESSION!
BAILIFF! READ THE CHARGE!
THIS MEMBER OF THE GUARDIANS OF OA WAS LAX IN DISCHARGE OF DUTY AND SO CAUSED THE ANNIHILATION OF A WORLD!
THAT'S A LIE... IF ONLY THEY'D LET US SPEAK!
SINCE THE ACCUSATION WAS BROUGHT AGAINST HIM BY OTHER GUARDIANS, THERE CAN BE NO DOUBTING ITS TRUTH!
JURY, WHAT IS YOUR VERDICT?
WE VO-VO (KREEK) VOTE UNANIMOUSLY FO-FOFO (KRECCH) FOR GILL-GILL-GILL (RTCH) GUILT!
THE JURY IS... A PILE OF SCRUFFY, RUSTY NUTS AND BOLTS!
THIS IS LIKE SOME BADLY WRITTEN PARODY OF A TRIAL!-- A NIGHT-MARE!
RECK-RECK-RECK (TZISSS) RECOMMEND THE DEATH PENALTY!

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOFTY TRADITIONS OF GALLO AND IN THE INTERESTS OF JUSTICE, THE WRONG-DOER HAS BEEN FOUND GUILTY OF GRAVE CRIMES AGAINST THE WELL-BEING OF THE UNIVERSE--
DEATH SENTENCE WILL BE CARRIED OUT AT DAWN! ESCORT THE CONDEMNED TO EXECUTION ROW AND THE TERRANS TO DETENTION COVE!
TOMORROW THE TERRANS WILL BE TRIED FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT!
THE PENALTY FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT IS, OF COURSE, DEATH...
PRODDED BY THE METAL GUARDS, THE HEROES ARE FORCED INTO THE CHILLY TUNNELS BENEATH THE SUN-CHAMBER--
MEN OF EARTH, ARE YOU NOT?
RIGHT ON! AND YOU?
ALAS, WE ARE NATIVES OF GALLO! WE ARE THE TRIBUNE!
THEN... THAT JUDGE IS AN IMPOS-TOR?
HE WAS OUR MASTER MECHANIC... HIS WAS THE TASK OF MAINTAINING OUR ROBOTS!
BUT SEVERAL DAYS AGO, HE AND HIS METAL POLICE REVOLTED! HE SET HIM-SELF UP IN OUR PLACE!
SO INTENT ON THE FINE POINTS OF GALACTIC LAW WERE WE THAT WE DID NOT EVEN OBSERVE OUR SERVANT BECOMING INSANE!
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YOU GUYS GOT A LOT IN COMMON WITH THE GUARDIANS! THAT BUNCH ISN'T EXACTLY WITH IT, EITHER!
WHAT KEEPS YOU HERE? THERE ARE NO BARS--NO LOCKS--
NOTHING TO PREVENT JUST WALKING OUT...
NO! COME BACK!
KUHZLLZZLE
AHHH--!
YOU OKAY, LANTERN?
M-MORE OR LESS!
THE ROBOT-GUARD--SERBUS! HE IS ALWAYS VIGILANT, ALWAYS AWAKE... AND INVINCIBLE!
INVINCIBLE? WE'LL SEE... YOU TRIBUNE GUYS--START UNRAVELING ONE OF YOUR CLOAKS!
LANTERN, GIVE ME A HAND WITH THIS COT!

YEAH, THIS BEDSLAT WILL DO FINE! IT'S JUST FLEXIBLE ENOUGH!
LANTERN, PULL OFF ONE OF THE COT SUPPORTS!
TRIBUNE, SNAP IT UP WITH THE UNRAVELING! WE'VE LESS THAN AN HOUR BEFORE THE OLD-TIMER TAKES HIS LAST WALK!
HIS DEFT, PRACTICED FINGERS FLASHING, THE ARCHER TIES THE THREAD FROM THE CLOAK TO THE PLASTIC SLAT!
THEN, HE REMOVES THE FEATHER FROM HIS CAP...
AND SHORT MOMENTS LATER...
THERE WE GO! IT'S NOT THE CLASSIEST BOW I'VE EVER MADE, BUT IT'LL DO!
SERBUS IS ABOUT TO HAVE HIS GEARS SCRAMBLED!
SURELY YOU DON'T THINK A SINGLE SHAFT--WITHOUT AN ARROWHEAD--WILL STOP THAT MONSTER!
I HAVE A LITTLE SURPRISE! I SMELLED A RAT THE MOMENT WE LANDED ON THIS FORSAKEN MUD-BALL--
--SO WHILE I WAS SCRAPPING WITH THE FIRST GUARD WE MET, I MANAGED TO BREAK OFF THE HEAD OF ONE OF MY REGULAR ARROWS!
DIG IT! A GIMMICK CONTAINING ENOUGH EXPLOSIVE TO FIX TEN SERBUSES!
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FA
VOOM
THERE'S THE THINGIS WHO HAS MY BOW-- AND YOUR RING! IF WE GET THOSE BACK, WE'RE IN BUSINESS!
I'LL TRY A BLUFF! BE READY TO HIT IT--HIGH, LOW AND IN THE MIDDLE!
WELL, OFFICER, WE'VE BEEN ACQUITTED! MIND GIVING ME BACK MY RING?
IMPOSSIBLE! THE JUDGE NEVER ACQUITS--ANYONE!
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NOW!
SLANGG
ZAK
UNNGH!
POK
KLUMP
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MY TURN TO ASK YOU IF YOU'RE OKAY!
APART FROM MY HEAD FEELING LIKE THE BASS DRUM IN A ROCK BAND, I'M DANDY!
BONG BONG BONG
THE DOOM-KNELL!
THE SIGNAL FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE EXECUTIONS!
LEAD US TO EXECUTION-ROW-- HURRY!
IF THE OLD-TIMER'S HARMED, I'LL PERSONALLY TAKE THAT PHONY JUDGE APART--INTO LITTLE, TINY PIECES!
AT THAT MOMENT, FOUR LEVELS ABOVE...
I RATHER ENJOY OVERSEEING OUR LITTLE DEATH-SESSIONS! YOU MAY BE WONDERING ABOUT ME--
NO! I AM ABLE TO RECOGNIZE INSANITY!
INSANE? ME? NOT AT ALL... I HAVE SIMPLY THROWN MY LOT IN WITH THE WAVE OF THE FUTURE!
PLASTIC... ALUMINUM... THESE ARE THE INHERITORS OF THE UNIVERSE! FLESH AND BLOOD HAVE HAD THEIR DAY... AND THAT DAY IS PAST!
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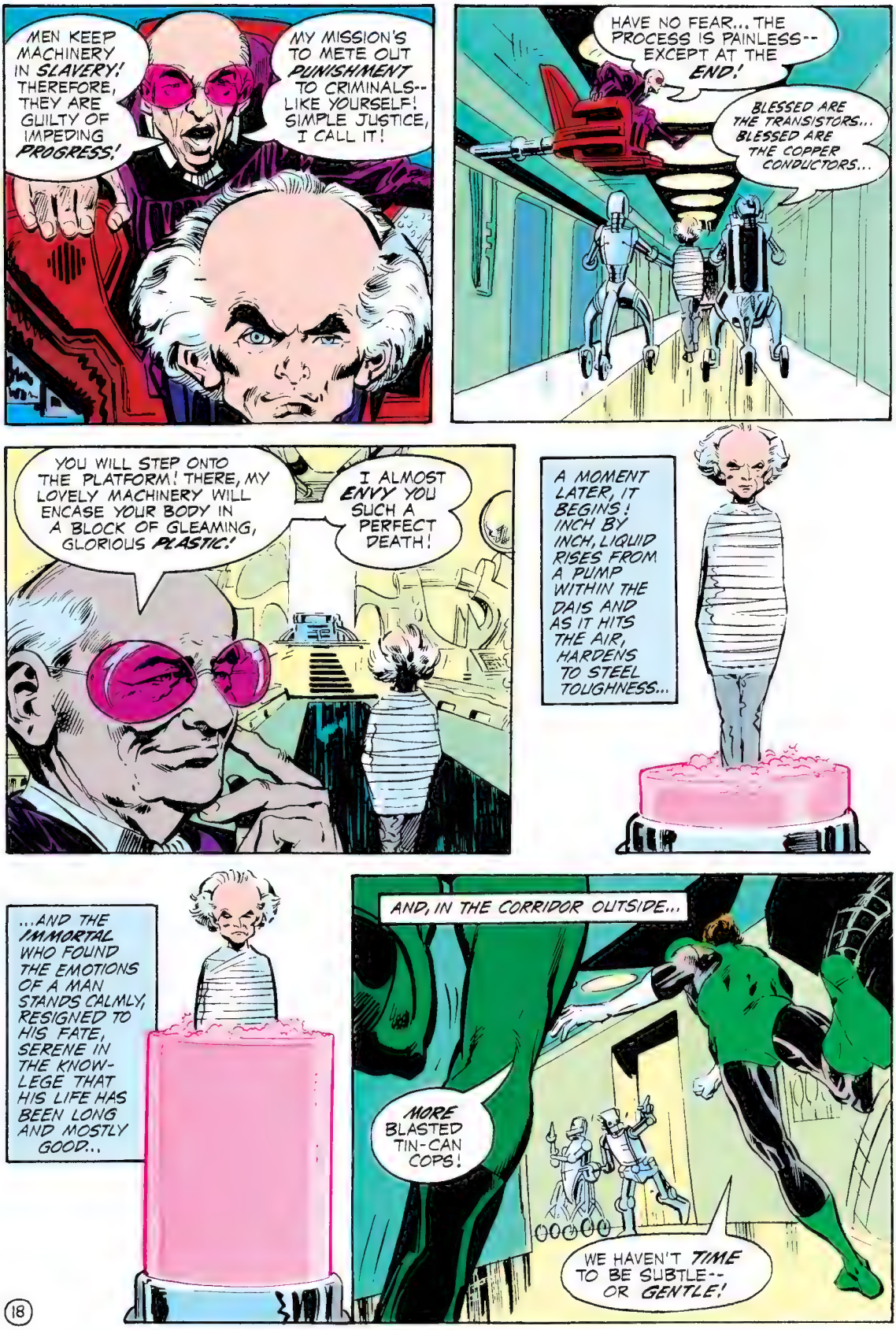
MEN KEEP MACHINERY IN SLAVERY! THEREFORE, THEY ARE GUILTY OF IMPEDING PROGRESS!
MY MISSION'S TO METE OUT PUNISHMENT TO CRIMINALS-- LIKE YOURSELF! SIMPLE JUSTICE, I CALL IT!
HAVE NO FEAR... THE PROCESS IS PAINLESS-- EXCEPT AT THE END!
BLESSED ARE THE TRANSISTORS... BLESSED ARE THE COPPER CONDUCTORS...
YOU WILL STEP ONTO THE PLATFORM! THERE, MY LOVELY MACHINERY WILL ENCASE YOUR BODY IN A BLOCK OF GLEAMING, GLORIOUS PLASTIC!
I ALMOST ENVY YOU SUCH A PERFECT DEATH!
A MOMENT LATER, IT BEGINS! INCH BY INCH, LIQUID RISES FROM A PUMP WITHIN THE DAIS AND AS IT HITS THE AIR, HARDENS TO STEEL TOUGHNESS...
...AND THE IMMORTAL WHO FOUND THE EMOTIONS OF A MAN STANDS CALMLY, RESIGNED TO HIS FATE, SERENE IN THE KNOW-LEGE THAT HIS LIFE HAS BEEN LONG AND MOSTLY GOOD...
AND, IN THE CORRIDOR OUTSIDE...
MORE BLASTED TIN-CAN COPS!
WE HAVEN'T TIME TO BE SUBTLE-- OR GENTLE!
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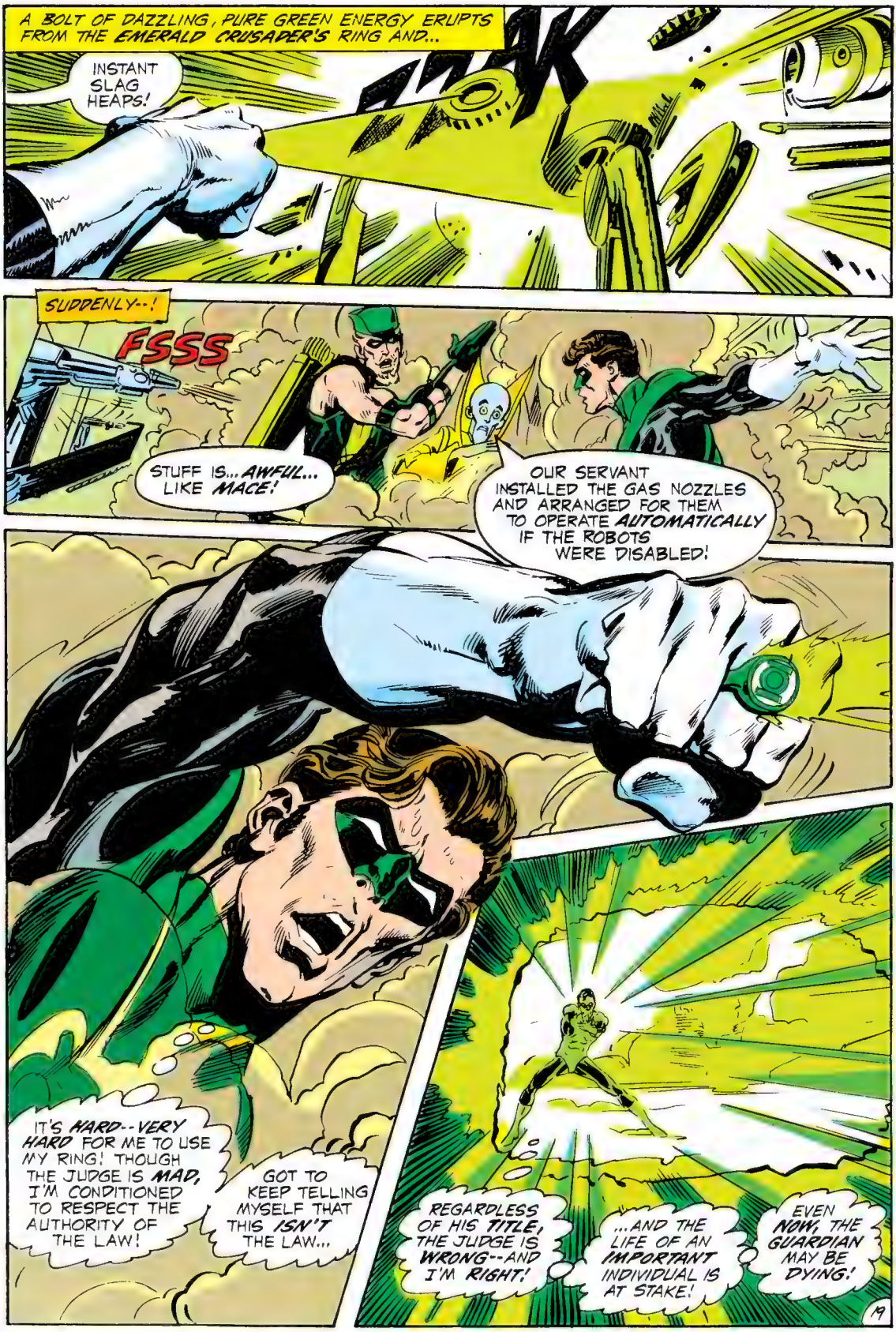
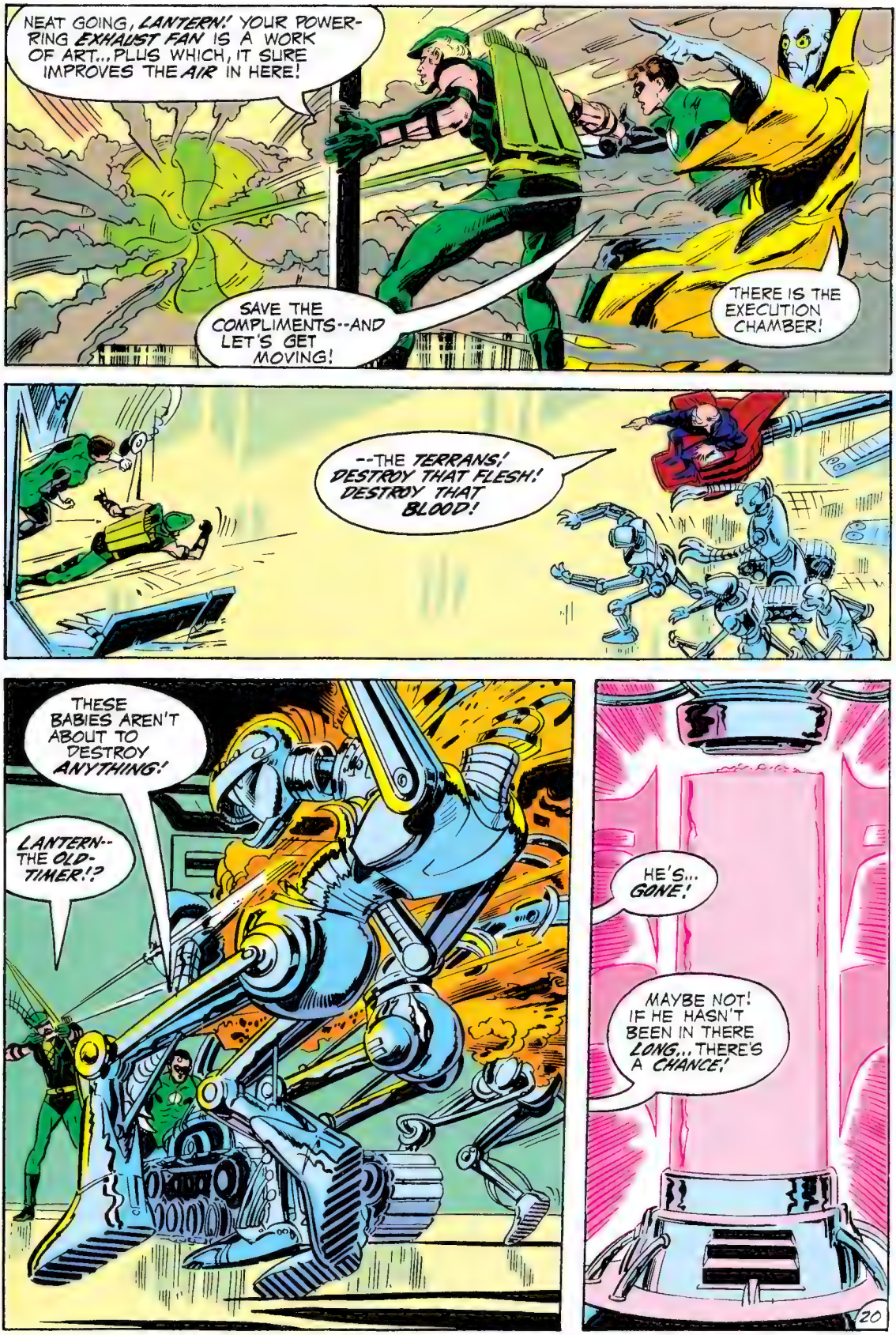

A BOLT OF DAZZLING, PURE GREEN ENERGY ERUPTS FROM THE EMERALD CRUSADER'S RING AND...
INSTANT SLAG HEAPS!
SUDDENLY--!
FSSS
STUFF IS... AWFUL... LIKE MACE!
OUR SERVANT INSTALLED THE GAS NOZZLES AND ARRANGED FOR THEM TO OPERATE AUTOMATICALLY IF THE ROBOTS WERE DISABLED!
IT'S HARD--VERY HARD FOR ME TO USE MY RING! THOUGH THE JUDGE IS MAD, I'M CONDITIONED TO RESPECT THE AUTHORITY OF THE LAW!
GOT TO KEEP TELLING MYSELF THAT THIS ISN'T THE LAW...
REGARDLESS OF HIS TITLE, THE JUDGE IS WRONG--AND I'M RIGHT!
...AND THE LIFE OF AN IMPORTANT INDIVIDUAL IS AT STAKE!
EVEN NOW, THE GUARDIAN MAY BE DYING!


NEAT GOING, LANTERN! YOUR POWER-RING EXHAUST FAN IS A WORK OF ART... PLUS WHICH, IT SURE IMPROVES THE AIR IN HERE!
SAVE THE COMPLIMENTS--AND LET'S GET MOVING!
THERE IS THE EXECUTION CHAMBER!
--THE TERRANS! DESTROY THAT FLESH! DESTROY THAT BLOOD!
THESE BABIES AREN'T ABOUT TO DESTROY ANYTHING!
LANTERN--THE OLD-TIMER!?
HE'S... GONE!
MAYBE NOT! IF HE HASN'T BEEN IN THERE LONG... THERE'S A CHANCE!
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OH, LORD--PLEASE DON'T LET THE RING FAIL ME!
KSS
SKASH
I MUST ESCAPE... TO ANOTHER WORLD... TO BUILD MY BEAUTIES ANEW!
A SPACESHIP WAITS ON THE SURFACE--!
HOLD IT, JUDGE! WE HAVE MATTERS TO SETTLE!
IF THE LANTERN CAN'T SAVE THE OLD-TIMER, YOU'RE GOING TO WISH WE'D MELTED YOU DOWN-- LIKE YOUR TIN-CAN PALS!
SKAASH
SOMEHOW, I FEEL THAT'S WHERE YOU BELONG...WITH THE WORN-OUT NUTS AND BOLTS!
THERE IS NO NEED FOR FURTHER VIOLENCE, GREEN ARROW!
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OLD-TIMER! MAN, AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU... LIVING AND BREATHING! HOW'D YOU SURVIVE?
QUITE SIMPLY! I MERELY HELD MY BREATH! ON YOUR EARTH, I LEARNED A VALUABLE LESSON...
AND THAT IS...
WHERE THERE IS LIFE, THERE IS HOPE!
WE CANNOT EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE! WE SHALL REINSTATE OURSELVES ON THE BENCH OF JUSTICE!
YOU CERTAIN YOU WANT TO..? I MEAN, YOU BLEW IT ONCE, RIGHT? CAN YOU GUARANTEE YOU WON'T AGAIN?
THE OBJECTION OF THE TERRAN BEARS MUCH CONSIDERATION...
COME ON! WE'LL RETURN TO EARTH AND...
YOU MUST GO WITHOUT ME! I STAND ACCUSED OF A CRIME! I SHALL ASK JUDGMENT OF MY FELLOW GUARDIANS!
IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU WANT IT, OLD-TIMER... SO LONG... AND GOD BLESS!
I HOPE THEY WON'T BE HARSH ON HIM! HE'S GOOD PEOPLE!
YEAH...LET'S LEAVE THIS MUD-BALL...
THE END
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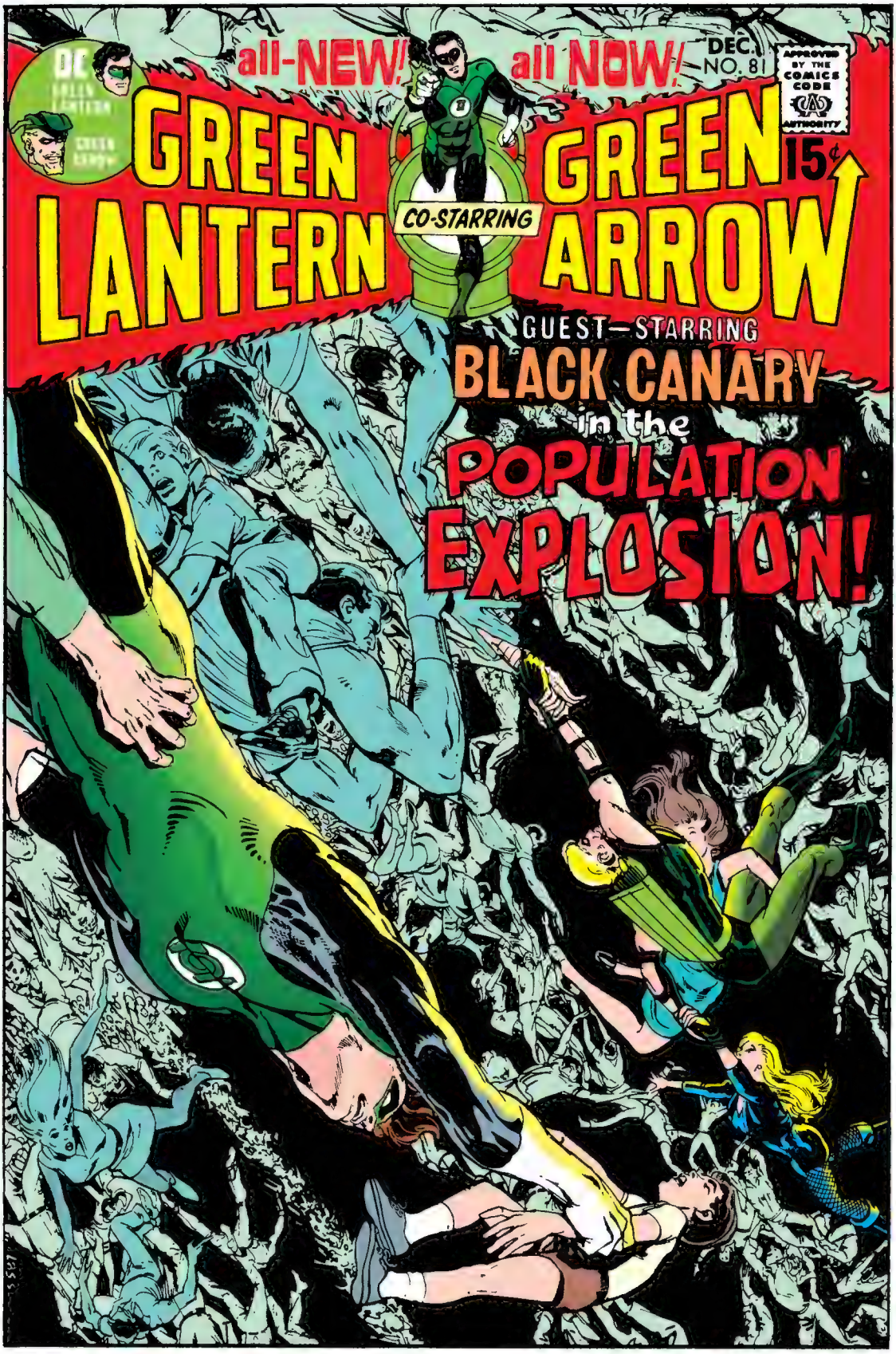
all-NEW! all NOW!
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CO-STARRING
GREEN ARROW
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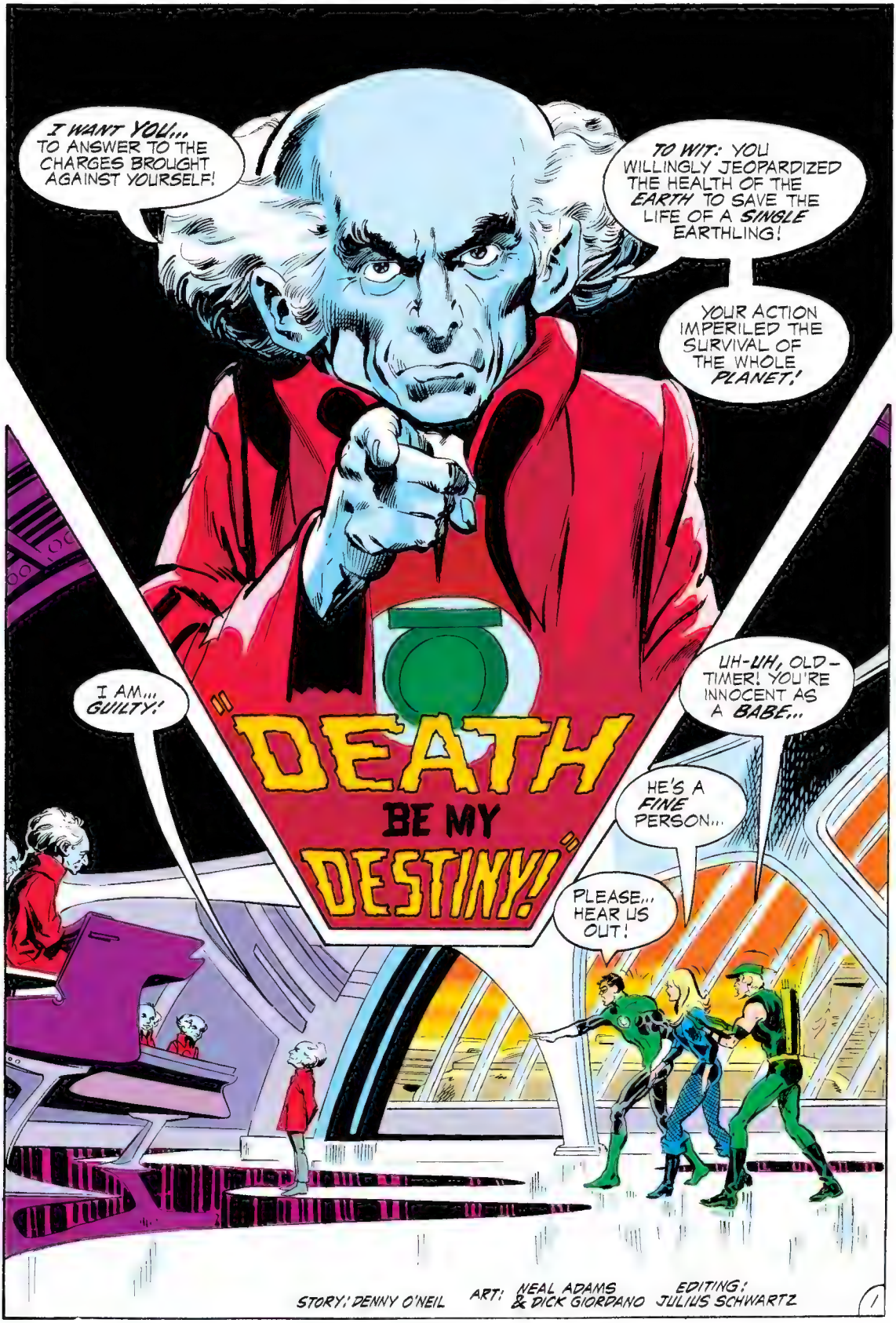
GUEST—STARRING
BLACK CANARY
in the
POPULATION EXPLOSION!



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THIS OUTBURST IS UNSEEMLY, GREEN LANTERN OF EARTH!
WAIT A MOMENT... YOU BROUGHT US HERE TO OA TO TESTIFY IN HIS BEHALF--
--AND THAT'S JUST WHAT WE'RE GONNA DO!
I'VE ONLY HAD FLEETING CONTACT WITH THE ACCUSED... BUT IN THE SMALL TIME I'VE KNOWN HIM, I'VE COME TO... A KIND OF RESPECT!
HE'S DECENT... HONORABLE... FAIR! THOSE ARE RARE QUALITIES... PRECIOUS QUALITIES!
BE THAT AS IT MAY... YOU HAVE SAID NOTHING TO ALTER THE CHARGE!
LOOK... HE DID IT TO SAVE MY LIFE! DOESN'T THAT COUNT?
IT DOES NOT! ONE LIFE AGAINST BILLIONS... SURELY THIS IS NO FAIR EXCHANGE!
YOU DON'T KNOW THAT BILLIONS WILL DIE BECAUSE...
SILENCE! WE DO KNOW THAT YOUR WORLD IS IN GRAVE DANGER... CHOKED WITH POISONS, OVERLY INHABITED FOR THE FOOD SUPPLY...
IN FURTHERING THAT SITUATION, OUR BROTHER HAS SINNED... GRIEVOUSLY!
THEREFORE IT IS THE JUDGMENT OF THIS COUNCIL THAT OUR BROTHER BE STRIPPED OF HIS IMMORTALITY...
...AND SENT TO THE WORLD WHEREIN WE GUARDIANS OF THE UNIVERSE ORIGINATED, THERE TO LIVE UNTIL HE... DIES!
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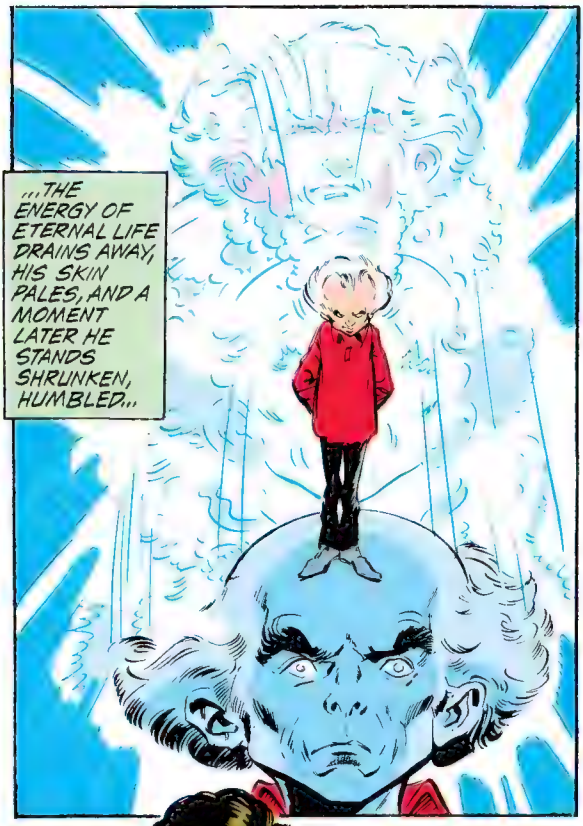
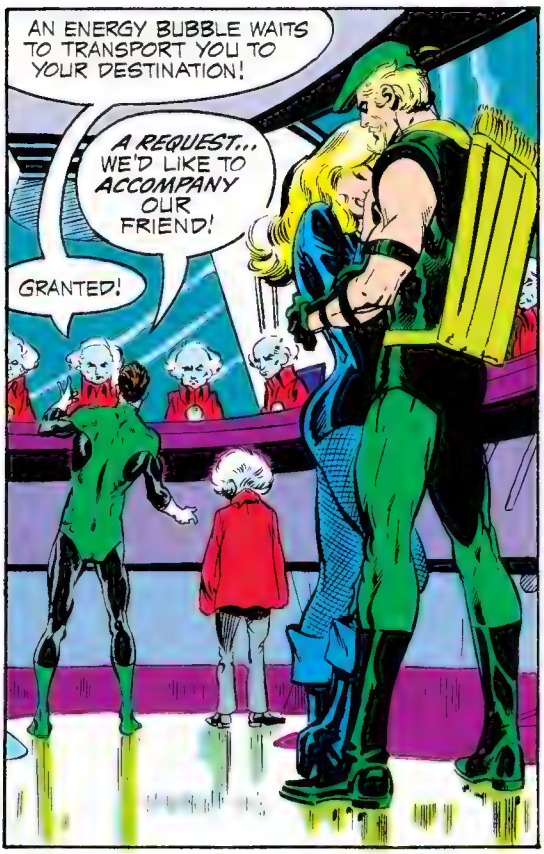
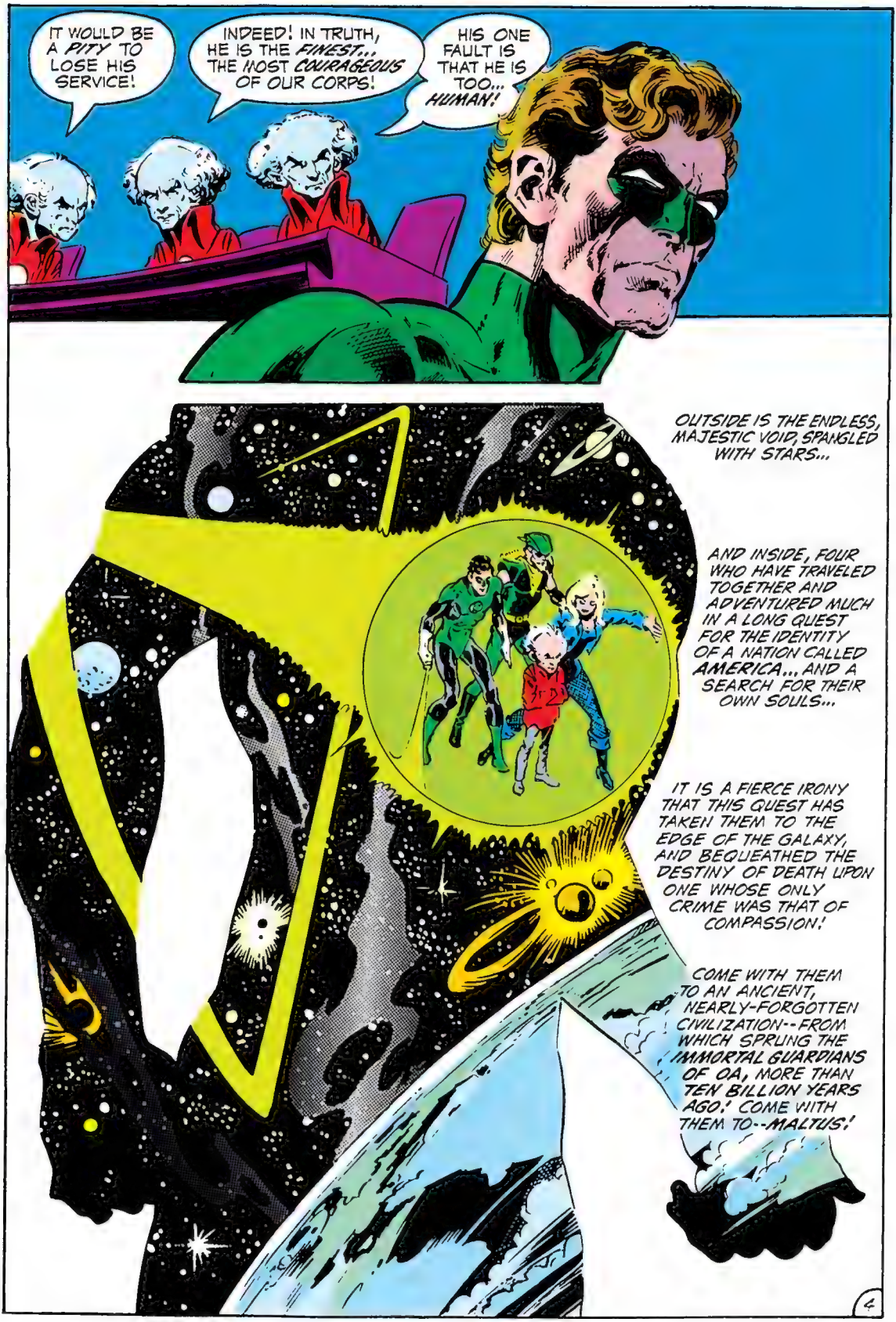
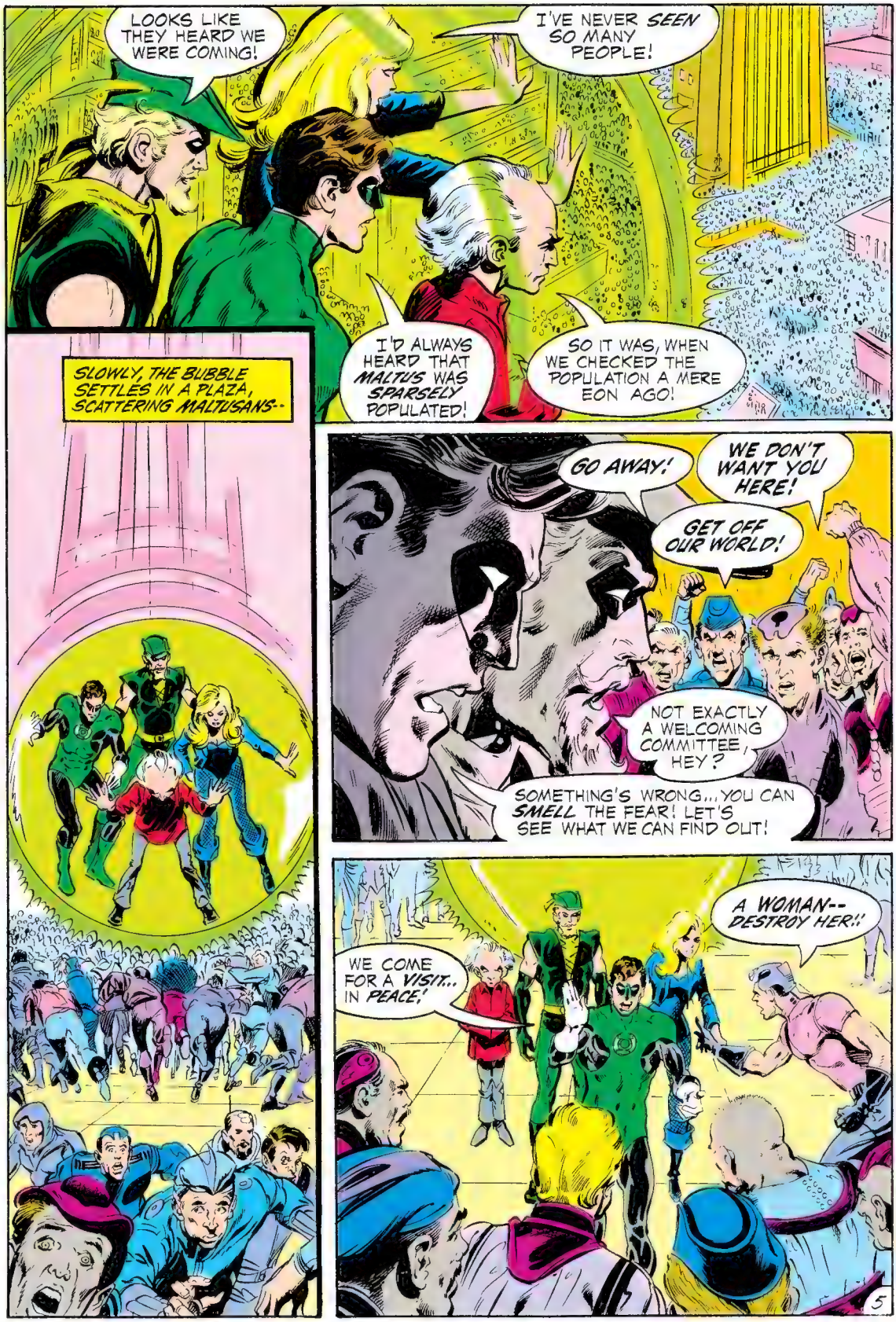
WATCH CAREFULLY... FOR YOU HAVE NOT SEEN THIS TERRIBLE CEREMONY ERE NOW... NOR, HOPEFULLY, WILL YOU EVER SEE IT AGAIN! EACH OF THE OANS DIRECTS HIS MIND TOWARD HIM WHO IS CONDEMNED--


...THE ENERGY OF ETERNAL LIFE DRAINS AWAY, HIS SKIN PALES, AND A MOMENT LATER HE STANDS SHRUNKEN, HUMBLED...


AN ENERGY BUBBLE WAITS TO TRANSPORT YOU TO YOUR DESTINATION!
A REQUEST... WE'D LIKE TO ACCOMPANY OUR FRIEND!
GRANTED!

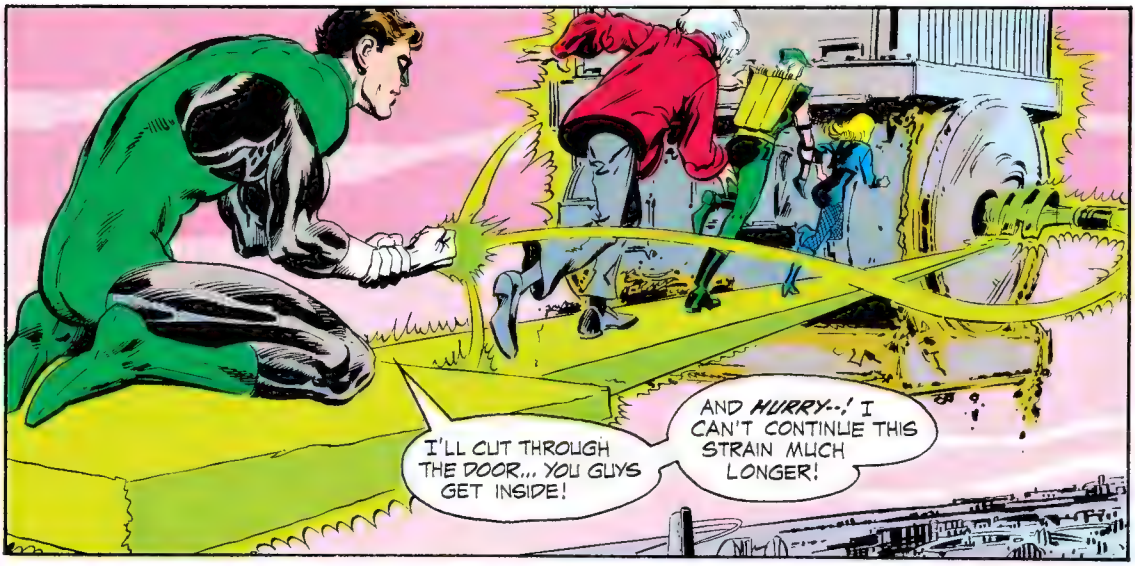
ONE MORE THING... I SUDDENLY FIND I'VE LOST MY RESPECT FOR YOU! I'M NOT SURE I WANT TO KEEP THIS RING...
--I THINK MAYBE YOU SHOULD BE HIGH AND MIGHTY WITHOUT MY HELP!
I'M NOT RESIGNING... YET! BUT I'M CONSIDERING IT... BELIEVE IT, GUARDIANS!

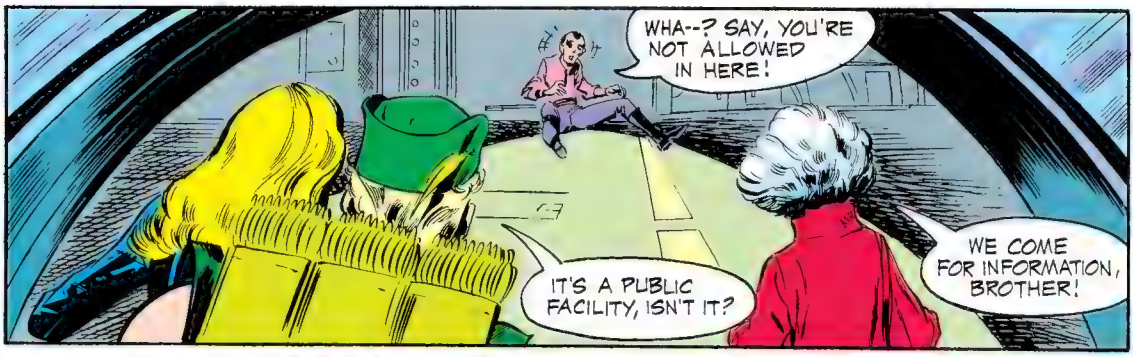

IT WOULD BE A PITY TO LOSE HIS SERVICE!
INDEED! IN TRUTH, HE IS THE FINEST... THE MOST COURAGEOUS OF OUR CORPS!
HIS ONE FAULT IS THAT HE IS TOO... HUMAN!
OUTSIDE IS THE ENDLESS, MAJESTIC VOID, SPANGLED WITH STARS...
AND INSIDE, FOUR WHO HAVE TRAVELED TOGETHER AND ADVENTURED MUCH IN A LONG QUEST FOR THE IDENTITY OF A NATION CALLED AMERICA... AND A SEARCH FOR THEIR OWN SOULS...
IT IS A FIERCE IRONY THAT THIS QUEST HAS TAKEN THEM TO THE EDGE OF THE GALAXY, AND BEQUEATHED THE DESTINY OF DEATH UPON ONE WHOSE ONLY CRIME WAS THAT OF COMPASSION!
COME WITH THEM TO AN ANCIENT, NEARLY-FORGOTTEN CIVILIZATION--FROM WHICH SPRUNG THE IMMORTAL GUARDIANS OF OA, MORE THAN TEN BILLION YEARS AGO! COME WITH THEM TO--MALTUS!


LOOKS LIKE THEY HEARD WE WERE COMING!
I'VE NEVER SEEN SO MANY PEOPLE!
I'D ALWAYS HEARD THAT MALTUS WAS SPARSELY POPULATED!
SO IT WAS, WHEN WE CHECKED THE POPULATION A MERE EON AGO!
SLOWLY, THE BUBBLE SETTLES IN A PLAZA, SCATTERING MALTUSANS--
GO AWAY!
WE DON'T WANT YOU HERE!
GET OFF OUR WORLD!
NOT EXACTLY A WELCOMING COMMITTEE, HEY?
SOMETHING'S WRONG... YOU CAN SMELL THE FEAR! LET'S SEE WHAT WE CAN FIND OUT!
WE COME FOR A VISIT... IN PEACE!
A WOMAN-- DESTROY HER!!

THAT'LL TEACH HIM TO BE GRABBY, BIRD-LADY!
ARROW-- WATCH IT!
SORRY, BUD! I'M NOT A JUDO EXPERT LIKE BLACK CANARY-- SO YOU'LL HAVE TO SETTLE FOR AN OLD-FASHIONED SOCK!
THEY WANT OUR BLOOD--! GET BEHIND ME!
LISTEN TO 'EM HOWL... LIKE A PACK OF STARVING WOLVES!
I SUGGEST WE REPAIR TO AN AREA LESS HOSTILE--
--AND LESS CROWDED!

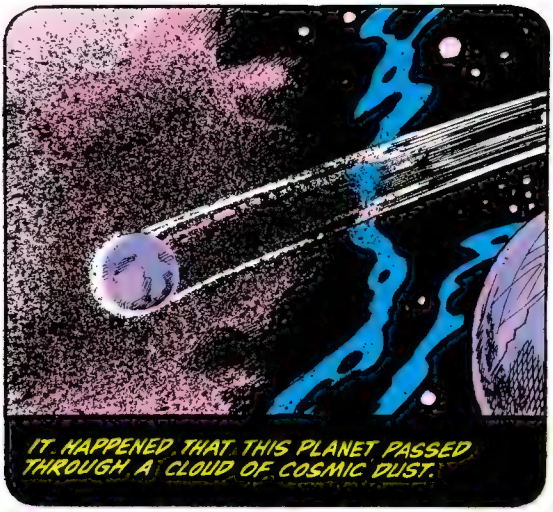
QUICKLY, GREEN LANTERN SHOOTS WILL-POWER THROUGH HIS RING--AND THE QUARTET RISES ABOVE THE ANGRY FACES, THE CLENCHED FISTS...
WHATEVER WOE HAS BEFALLEN MALTUS, IT IS OF NO CONCERN TO YOU, MY FRIENDS!
I MUST REMAIN, BUT YOU HAVE NO SUCH OBLIGATION!
NO WAY, OLD-TIMER!
WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE YOU--!
AND ANYWAY, I'M CURIOUS! IS THERE ANYWHERE WE CAN LEARN WHAT'S HAPPENED?
THERE ARE ARCHIVES AT THE EAST END OF THE CITY!
THEN THAT'S OUR NEXT STOP!
MINUTES LATER...
WE'LL NEVER GET PAST THAT CROWD!
I RECALL THAT THE HISTORICAL SECTION IS IN A VAULT BELOW THE GROUND!
MAYBE WE CAN BRING IT TO US!


I'LL CUT THROUGH THE DOOR... YOU GUYS GET INSIDE!
AND *HURRY*--! I CAN'T CONTINUE THIS STRAIN MUCH LONGER!

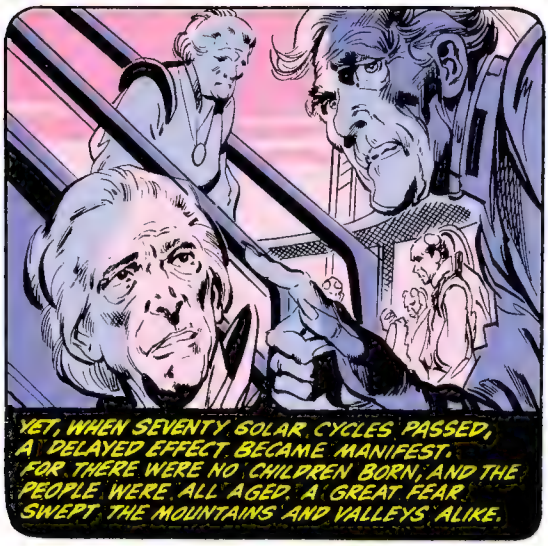

WHA--? SAY, YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED IN HERE!
IT'S A PUBLIC FACILITY, ISN'T IT?
WE COME FOR INFORMATION, BROTHER!

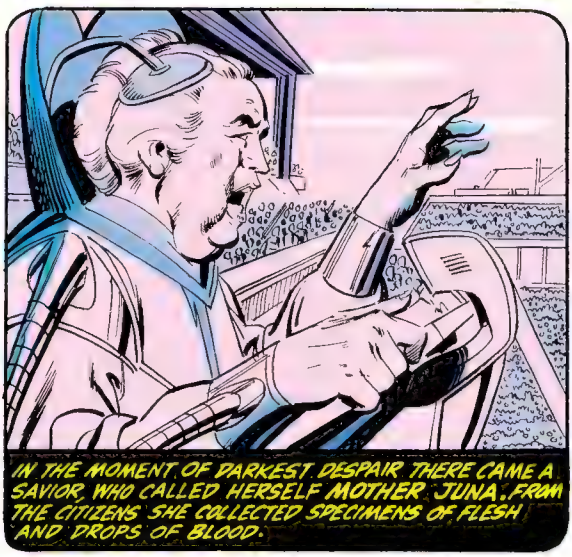
I CAN GUESS... YOU WANT TO LEARN WHY THERE'S SO MANY *FOLKS!* MOST DON'T UNDERSTAND IT EVEN NOW...
I DO, THOUGH! I GOT IT ALL ON MY INFORMATION TAPES! WANT TO SEE?
WE DO!

HOW DO YOU COME TO BE LOCKED INSIDE THIS CHAMBER?
LOCKED *MYSELF* IN! I'M THE THIRD ASSISTANT ARCHIVIST... MY DUTY TO KEEP THE TAPES SAFE!
BESIDES, THIS'S THE ONLY SPOT A MAN CAN GET A BIT OF *PRIVACY!*
HUSH... THE MACHINE'S WORKING! IT'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING!

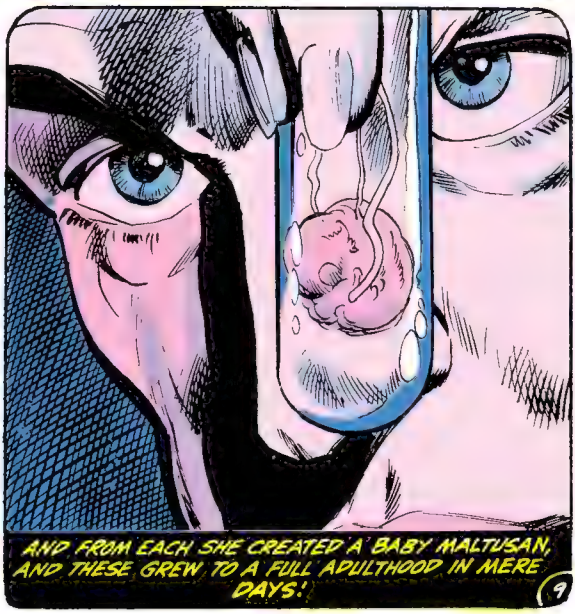

IT HAPPENED THAT THIS PLANET PASSED THROUGH A CLOUD OF COSMIC DUST.

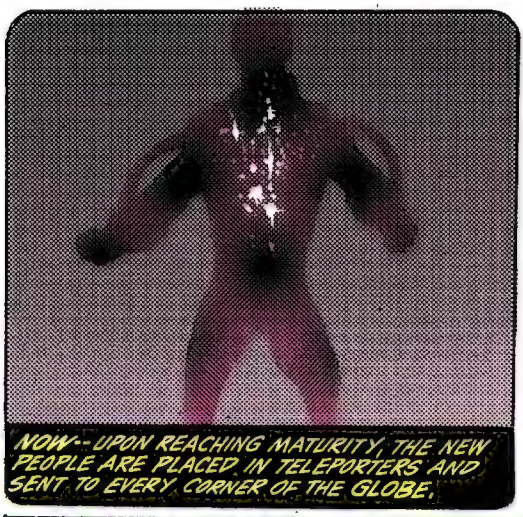
THE PEOPLE REJOICED WHEN THEY SAW THAT THE DUST HAD NO APPARENT EFFECT ON THEIR HEALTH OR WELFARE.


YET, WHEN SEVENTY SOLAR CYCLES PASSED, A DELAYED EFFECT BECAME MANIFEST. FOR THERE WERE NO CHILDREN BORN, AND THE PEOPLE WERE ALL AGED. A GREAT FEAR SWEPT THE MOUNTAINS AND VALLEYS ALIKE.


IN THE MOMENT OF DARKEST DESPAIR THERE CAME A SAVIOR, WHO CALLED HERSELF MOTHER JUNA. FROM THE CITIZENS SHE COLLECTED SPECIMENS OF FLESH AND DROPS OF BLOOD.

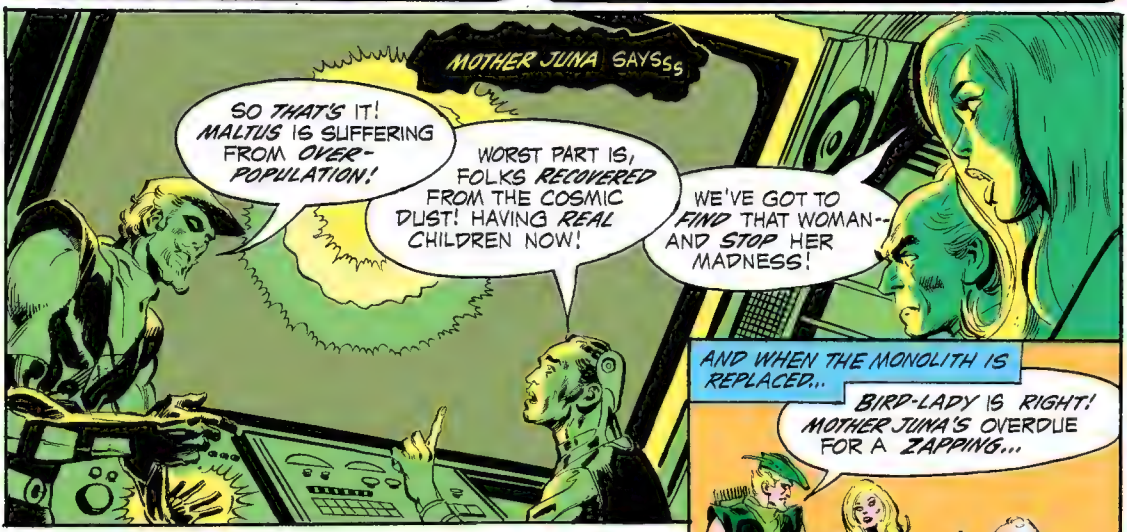
THESE DID MOTHER JUNA TAKE INTO HER LABORATORY. WITH GREAT SCIENTIFIC SKILL, SHE CULTURED THEM.

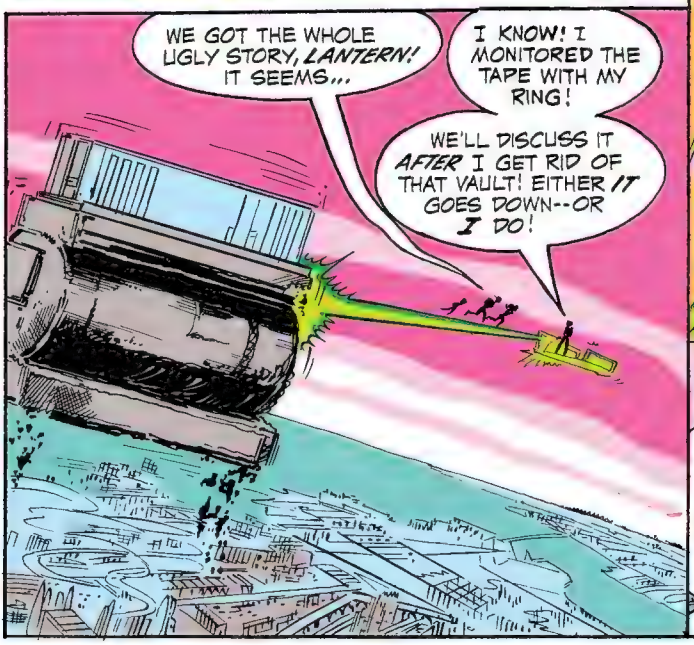

AND FROM EACH SHE CREATED A BABY MALTUSAN, AND THESE GREW TO A FULL ADULTHOOD IN MERE DAYS!



NOW--UPON REACHING MATURITY, THE NEW PEOPLE ARE PLACED IN TELEPORTERS AND SENT TO EVERY CORNER OF THE GLOBE.

EACH ARRIVES WITH A FULL SET OF PSEUDO-MEMORIES AND A PRE-DESIGNED IDENTITY. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO DISTINGUISH JUNA'S SYNTHETIC CHILDREN FROM THE NATURAL-BORN.





PEOPLE ARE LOVE, CREATIVITY, ART, GENTLENESS, BEAUTY. BUT PEOPLE HAVE LIMITS--

THEY NEED FOOD... AND THE REMAINS OF FOOD ARE GARBAGE. AND WHEN THERE ARE TOO MANY PEOPLE TO DISPOSE OF IT PROPERLY, VERMIN GROW FAT, MULTIPLY.
PRESENT RATION BOOK FOR MONTHLY BATH
EACH SIP OF WATER IS MORE VALUABLE THAN GEMSTONES. MALTUSANS STAND IN LONG QUEUES FOR A TASTE OF COOL LIQUID. BATHING IS A LUXURY... AND SO THEY GO DIRTY... AND THEIR GRIMY FLESH IS A BREEDING PLACE FOR DISEASE.
EVERY SQUARE FOOT OF GROUND IS PRECIOUS. TEMPERS ARE SHORT, AND A SIMPLE, ACCIDENTAL NUDGE IS CAUSE FOR TERRIBLE VIOLENCE.
HATRED RAGES. A WOMAN WITH CHILD IS REVILED, AND HER HUSBAND IS TARGET FOR MURDER...
--BECAUSE THERE IS NOT ENOUGH... NOT ENOUGH OF ANYTHING... EXCEPT POVERTY, AGONY, DEATH.
THESE ARE THE HIDEOUS SIGHTS THE OUTWORLDERS LOOK UPON... AND SHUDDER AT THE SIGHT OF HUMANS BECOME LESS THAN BEASTS.
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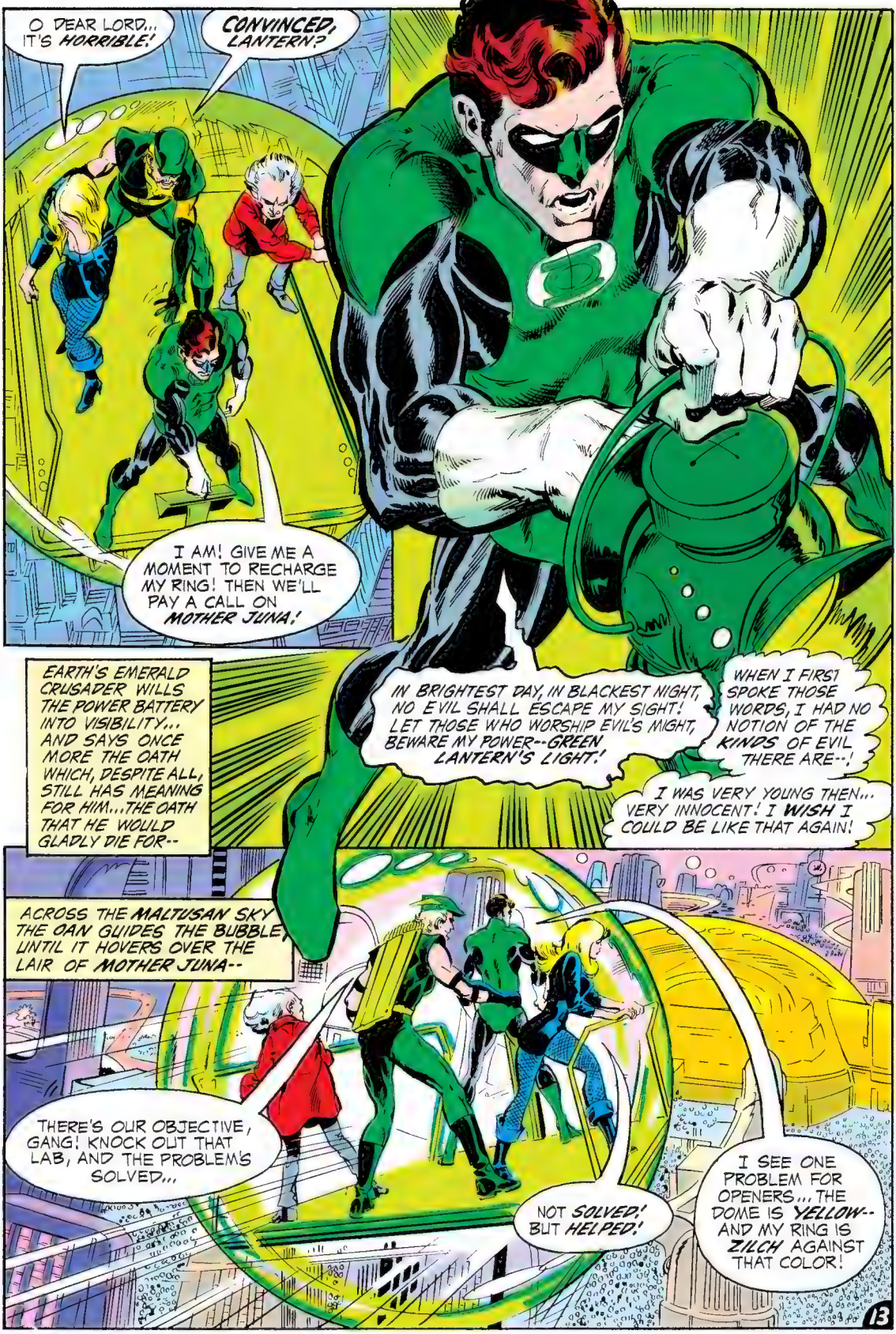
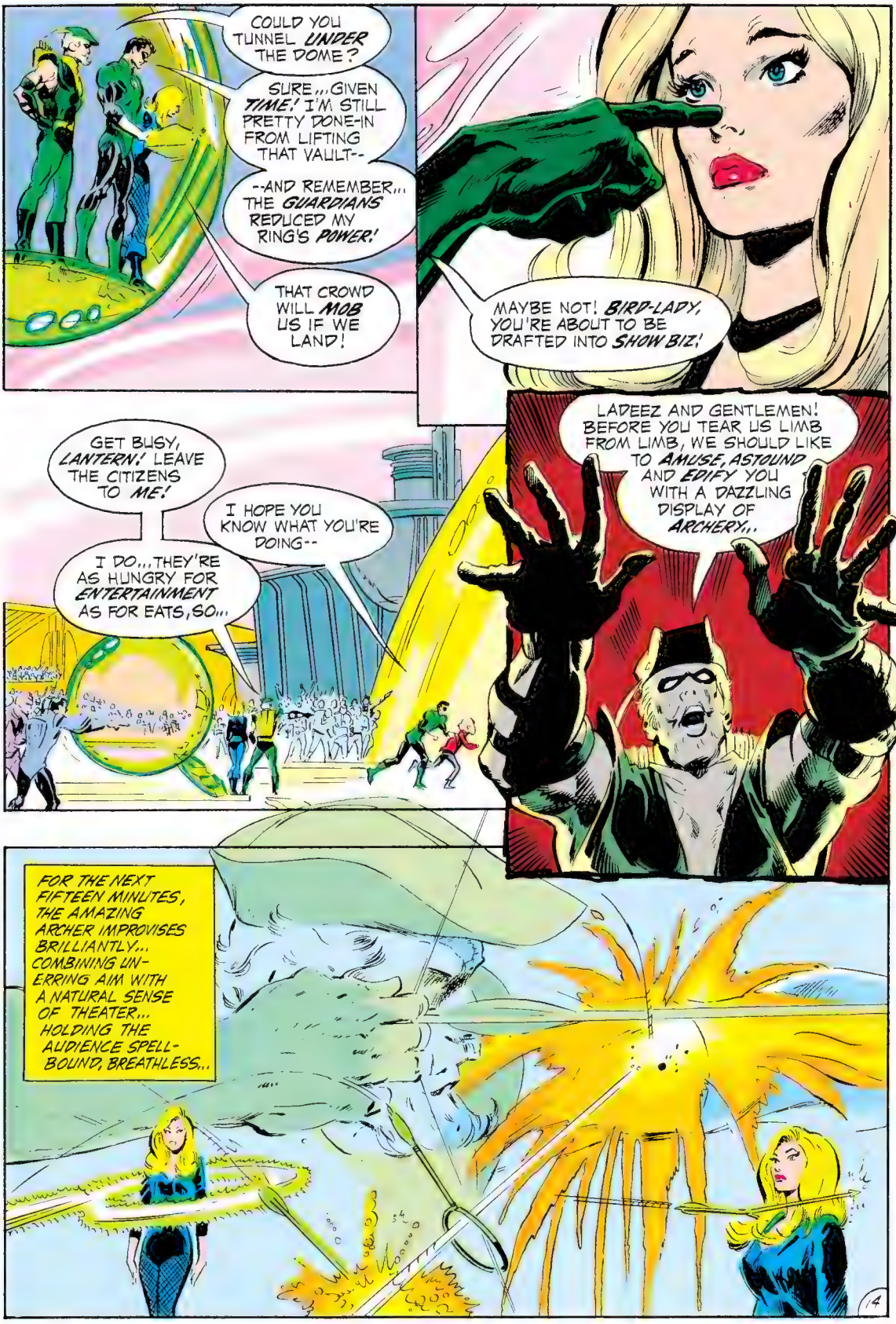
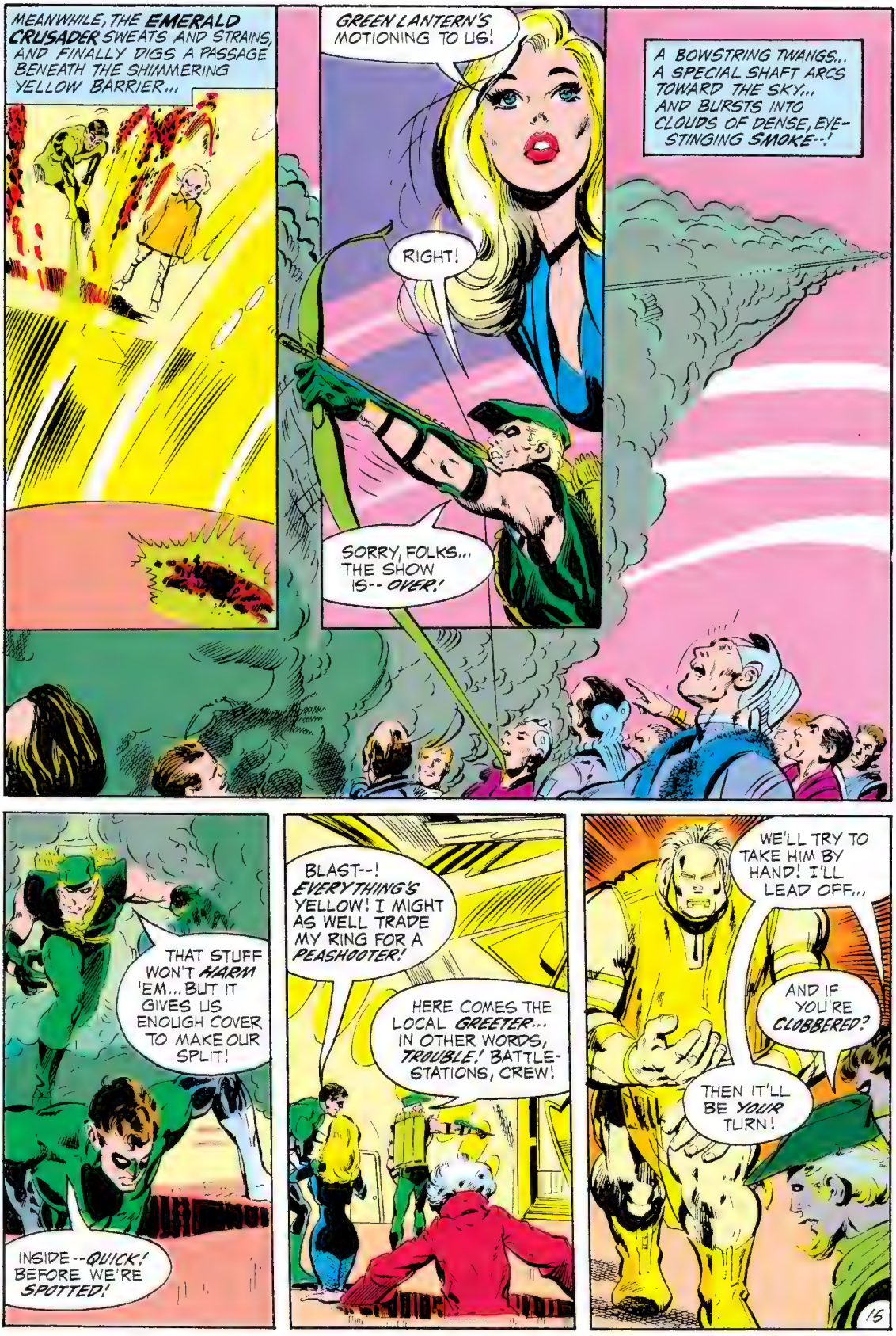
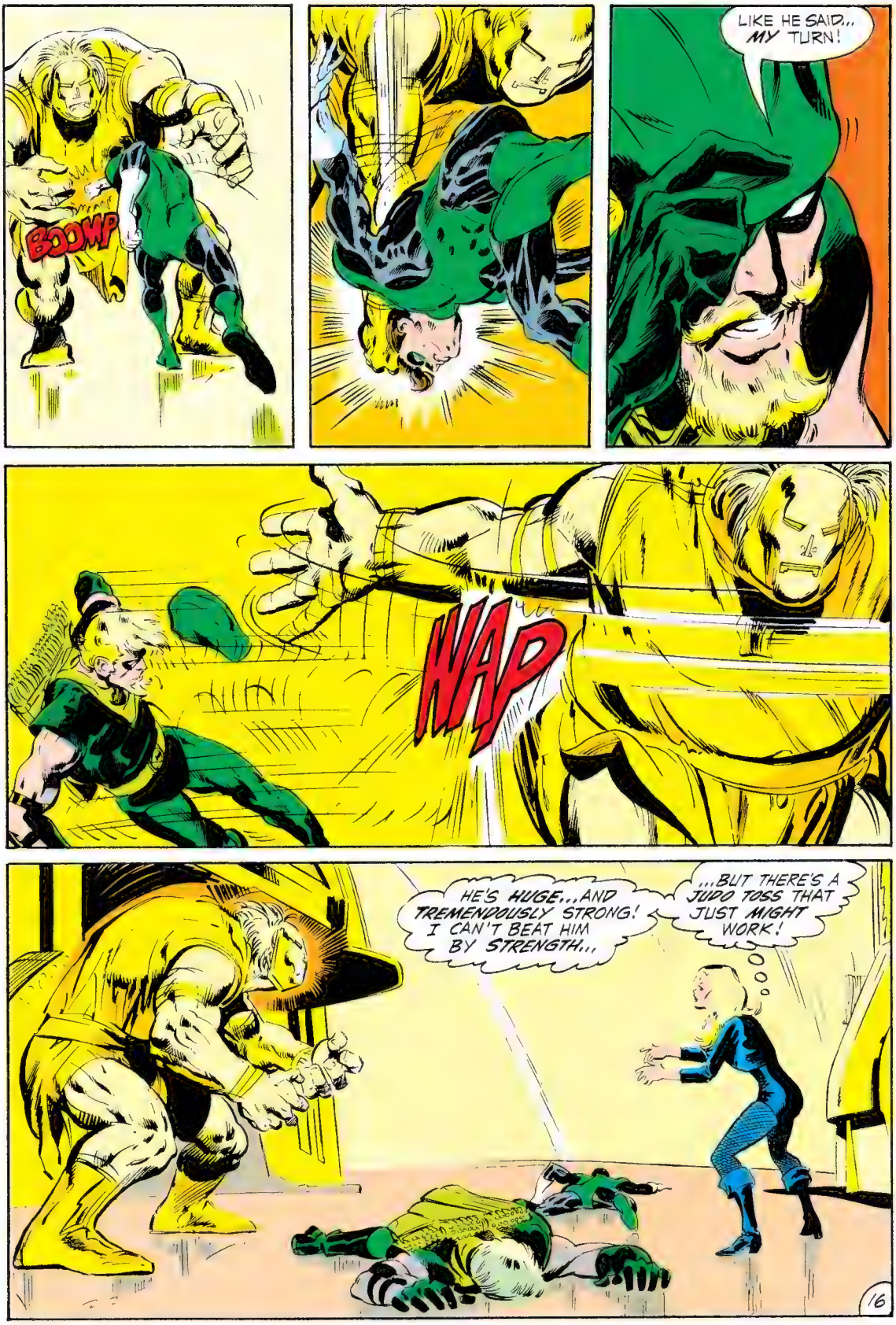

O DEAR LORD... IT'S HORRIBLE!
CONVINCED, LANTERN?
I AM! GIVE ME A MOMENT TO RECHARGE MY RING! THEN WE'LL PAY A CALL ON MOTHER JUNA!
EARTH'S EMERALD CRUSADER WILLS THE POWER BATTERY INTO VISIBILITY... AND SAYS ONCE MORE THE OATH WHICH, DESPITE ALL, STILL HAS MEANING FOR HIM...THE OATH THAT HE WOULD GLADLY DIE FOR--
IN BRIGHTEST DAY, IN BLACKEST NIGHT, NO EVIL SHALL ESCAPE MY SIGHT! LET THOSE WHO WORSHIP EVIL'S MIGHT, BEWARE MY POWER--GREEN LANTERN'S LIGHT!
WHEN I FIRST SPOKE THOSE WORDS, I HAD NO NOTION OF THE KINDS OF EVIL THERE ARE--!
I WAS VERY YOUNG THEN... VERY INNOCENT! I WISH I COULD BE LIKE THAT AGAIN!
ACROSS THE MALTUSAN SKY THE OAN GUIDES THE BUBBLE, UNTIL IT HOVERS OVER THE LAIR OF MOTHER JUNA--
THERE'S OUR OBJECTIVE, GANG! KNOCK OUT THAT LAB, AND THE PROBLEM'S SOLVED...
NOT SOLVED! BUT HELPED!
I SEE ONE PROBLEM FOR OPENERS... THE DOME IS YELLOW-- AND MY RING IS ZILCH AGAINST THAT COLOR!


COULD YOU TUNNEL UNDER THE DOME?
SURE...GIVEN TIME! I'M STILL PRETTY DONE-IN FROM LIFTING THAT VAULT--
--AND REMEMBER... THE GUARDIANS REDUCED MY RING'S POWER!
THAT CROWD WILL MOB US IF WE LAND!
MAYBE NOT! BIRD-LADY, YOU'RE ABOUT TO BE DRAFTED INTO SHOW BIZ!
LADEEZ AND GENTLEMEN! BEFORE YOU TEAR US LIMB FROM LIMB, WE SHOULD LIKE TO AMUSE, ASTOUND AND EDIFY YOU WITH A DAZZLING DISPLAY OF ARCHERY...
GET BUSY, LANTERN! LEAVE THE CITIZENS TO ME!
I HOPE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING--
I DO...THEY'RE AS HUNGRY FOR ENTERTAINMENT AS FOR EATS, SO...
FOR THE NEXT FIFTEEN MINUTES, THE AMAZING ARCHER IMPROVISES BRILLIANTLY... COMBINING UNERRING AIM WITH A NATURAL SENSE OF THEATER... HOLDING THE AUDIENCE SPELLBOUND, BREATHLESS...


MEANWHILE, THE EMERALD CRUSADER SWEATS AND STRAINS, AND FINALLY DIGS A PASSAGE BENEATH THE SHIMMERING YELLOW BARRIER...
GREEN LANTERN'S MOTIONING TO US!
RIGHT!
SORRY, FOLKS... THE SHOW IS-- OVER!
A BOWSTRING TWANGS.. A SPECIAL SHAFT ARCS TOWARD THE SKY... AND BURSTS INTO CLOUDS OF DENSE, EYE-STINGING SMOKE--!
THAT STUFF WON'T HARM 'EM... BUT IT GIVES US ENOUGH COVER TO MAKE OUR SPLIT!
INSIDE--QUICK! BEFORE WE'RE SPOTTED!
BLAST--! EVERYTHING'S YELLOW! I MIGHT AS WELL TRADE MY RING FOR A PEASHOOTER!
HERE COMES THE LOCAL GREETER... IN OTHER WORDS, TROUBLE! BATTLE-STATIONS, CREW!
WE'LL TRY TO TAKE HIM BY HAND! I'LL LEAD OFF...
AND IF YOU'RE CLOBBERED?
THEN IT'LL BE YOUR TURN!


BOOMP
LIKE HE SAID... MY TURN!
WHAP
HE'S HUGE...AND TREMENDOUSLY STRONG! I CAN'T BEAT HIM BY STRENGTH...
...BUT THERE'S A JUDO TOSS THAT JUST MIGHT WORK!
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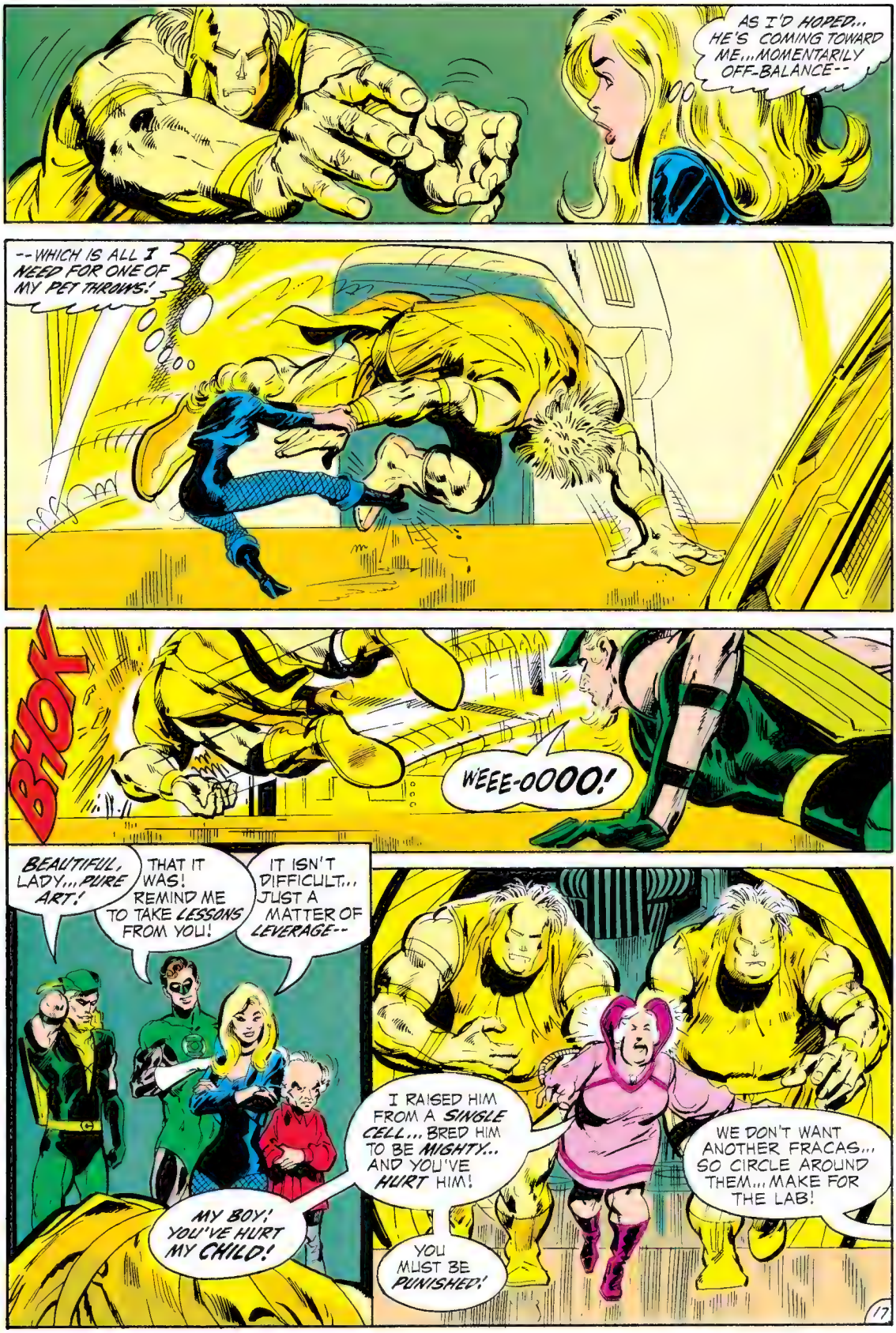
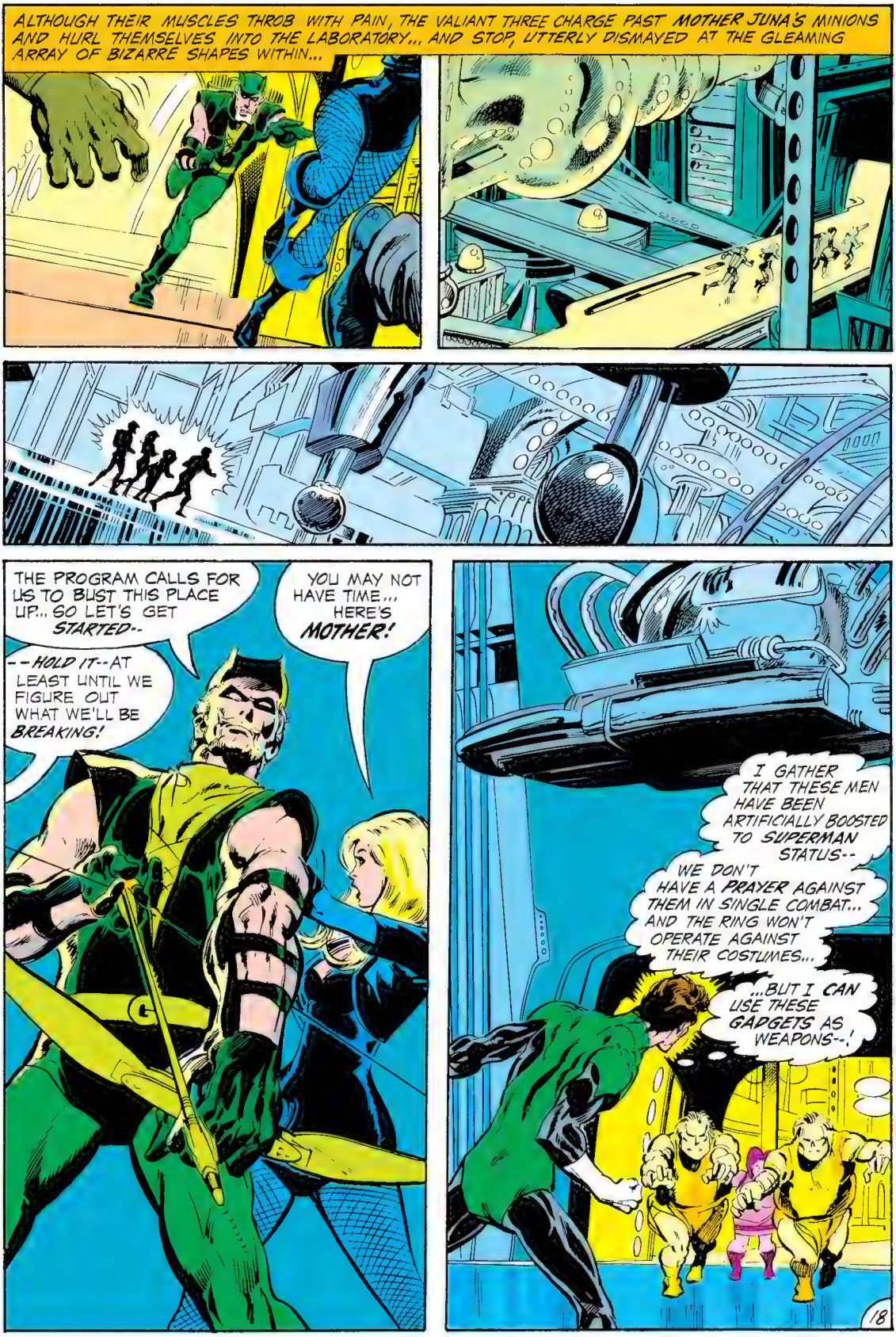

AS I'D HOPED... HE'S COMING TOWARD ME...MOMENTARILY OFF-BALANCE--
--WHICH IS ALL I NEED FOR ONE OF MY PET THROWS!
BHOK
WEEE-OOOO!
BEAUTIFUL, LADY...PURE ART!
THAT IT WAS! REMIND ME TO TAKE LESSONS FROM YOU!
IT ISN'T DIFFICULT... JUST A MATTER OF LEVERAGE--
MY BOY! YOU'VE HURT MY CHILD!
I RAISED HIM FROM A SINGLE CELL... BRED HIM TO BE MIGHTY... AND YOU'VE HURT HIM!
YOU MUST BE PUNISHED!
WE DON'T WANT ANOTHER FRACAS... SO CIRCLE AROUND THEM... MAKE FOR THE LAB!


ALTHOUGH THEIR MUSCLES THROB WITH PAIN, THE VALIANT THREE CHARGE PAST MOTHER JUNA'S MINIONS AND HURL THEMSELVES INTO THE LABORATORY... AND STOP, UTTERLY DISMAYED AT THE GLEAMING ARRAY OF BIZARRE SHAPES WITHIN...
THE PROGRAM CALLS FOR US TO BUST THIS PLACE UP... SO LET'S GET STARTED--
--HOLD IT--AT LEAST UNTIL WE FIGURE OUT WHAT WE'LL BE BREAKING!
YOU MAY NOT HAVE TIME... HERE'S MOTHER!
I GATHER THAT THESE MEN HAVE BEEN ARTIFICIALLY BOOSTED TO SUPERMAN STATUS--
WE DON'T HAVE A PRAYER AGAINST THEM IN SINGLE COMBAT... AND THE RING WON'T OPERATE AGAINST THEIR COSTUMES...
...BUT I CAN USE THESE GADGETS AS WEAPONS--!
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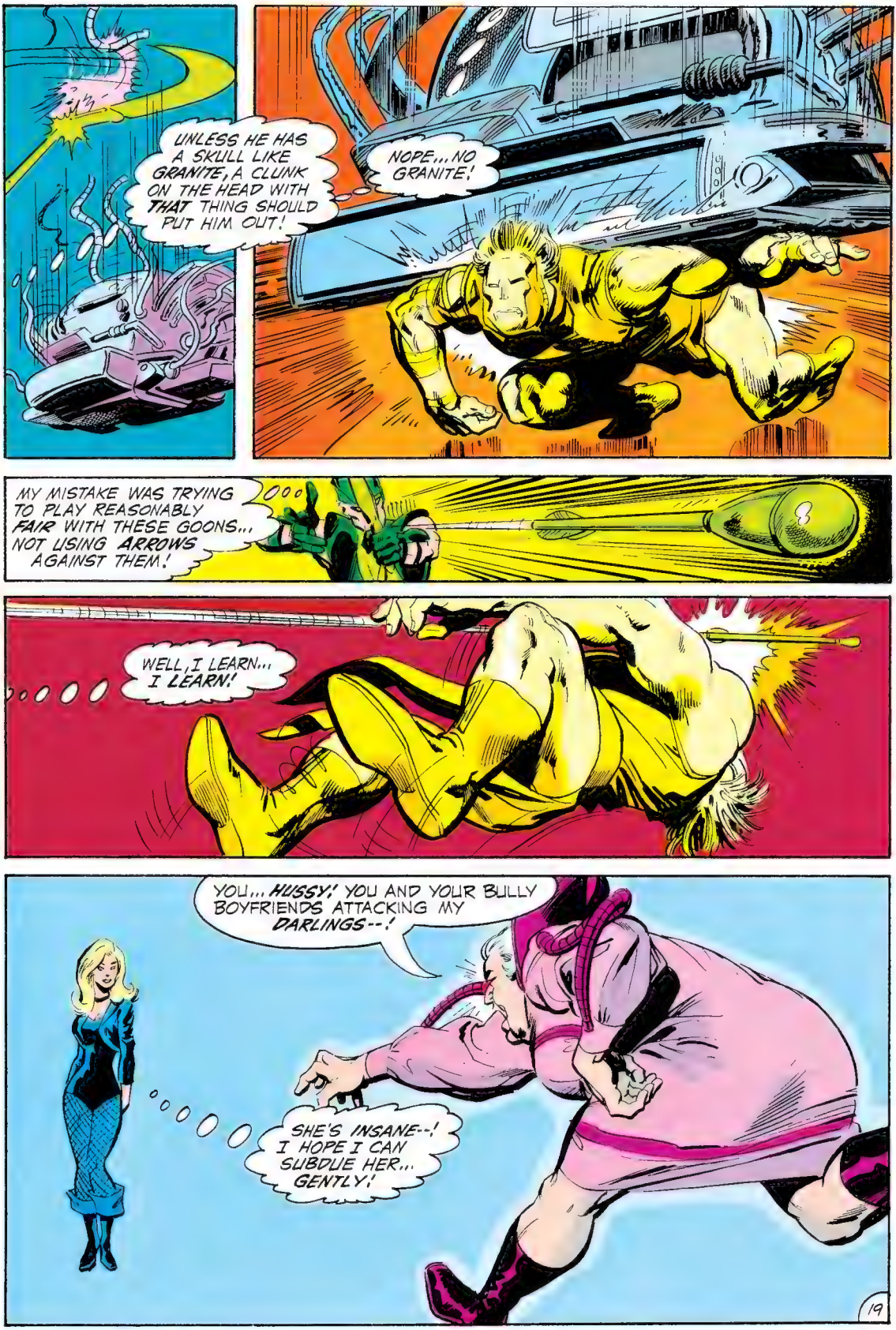
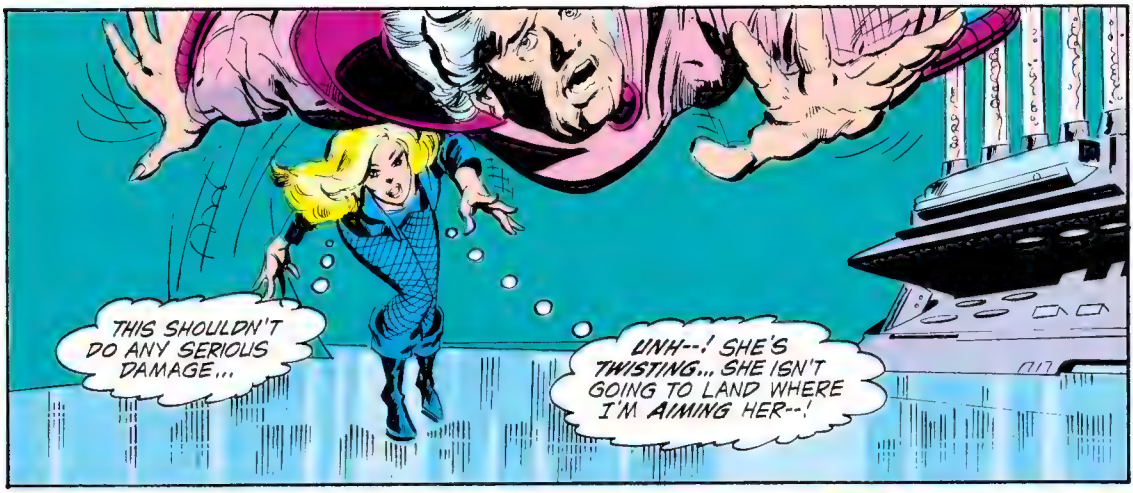
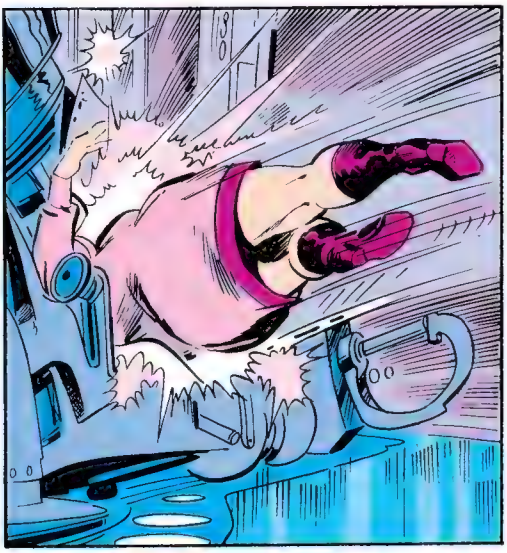
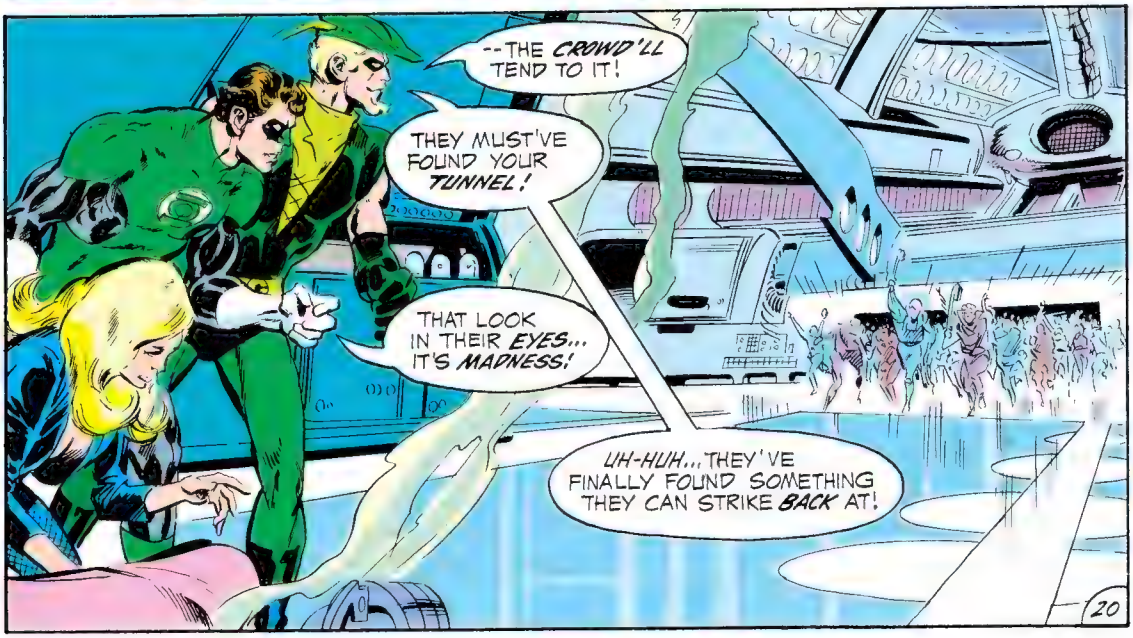
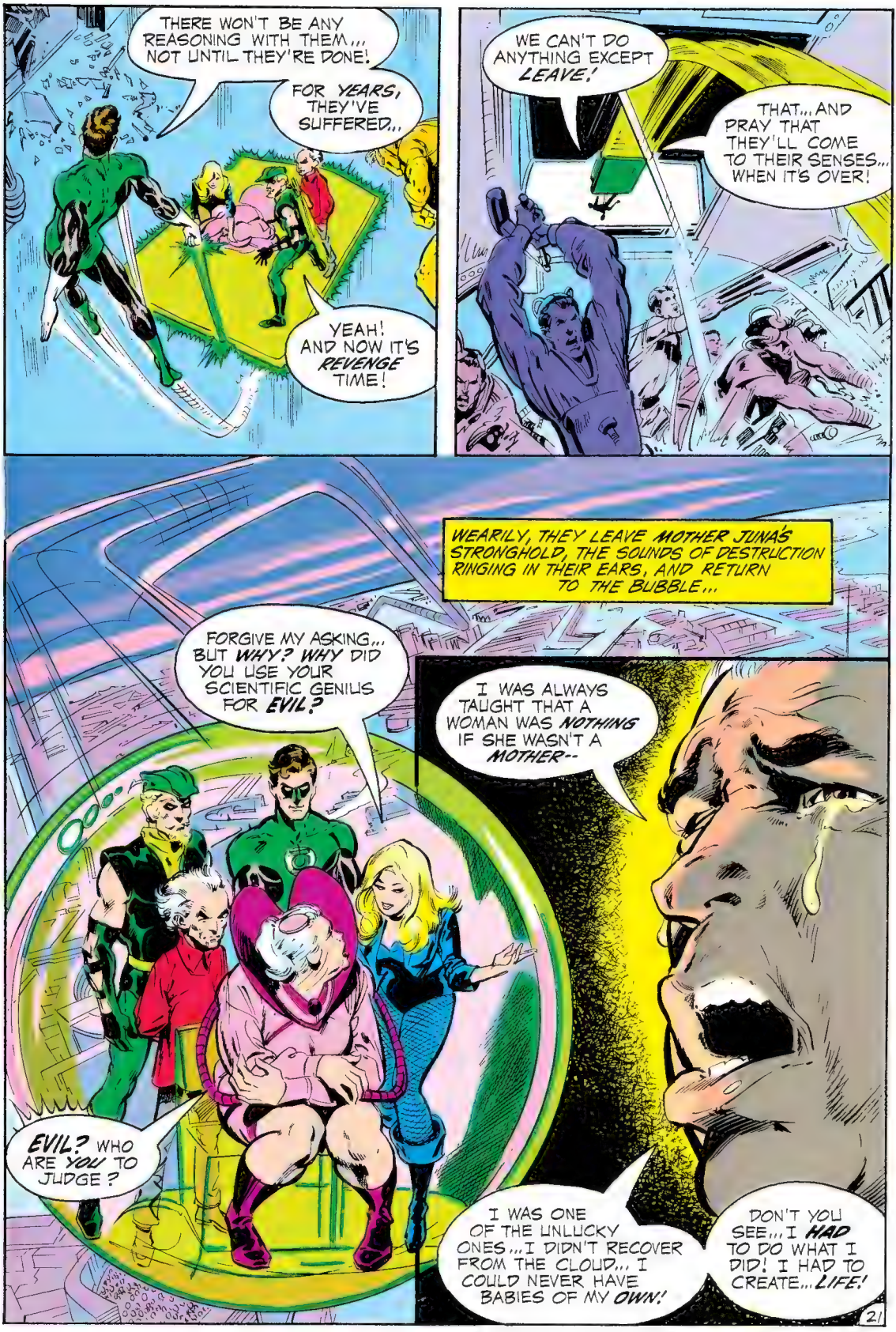

UNLESS HE HAS A SKULL LIKE GRANITE, A CLUNK ON THE HEAD WITH THAT THING SHOULD PUT HIM OUT!
NOPE... NO GRANITE!
MY MISTAKE WAS TRYING TO PLAY REASONABLY FAIR WITH THESE GOONS... NOT USING ARROWS AGAINST THEM!
WELL, I LEARN... I LEARN!
YOU... HUSSY! YOU AND YOUR BULLY BOYFRIENDS ATTACKING MY DARLINGS--!
SHE'S INSANE--! I HOPE I CAN SUBDUE HER... GENTLY!


THIS SHOULDN'T DO ANY SERIOUS DAMAGE...
UNH--! SHE'S TWISTING... SHE ISN'T GOING TO LAND WHERE I'M AIMING HER--!



WHEW! IT WAS SHORT-- BUT SWEET, SHALL WE FINISH WRECKING THE JOINT?
I DON'T THINK WE'LL HAVE TO--

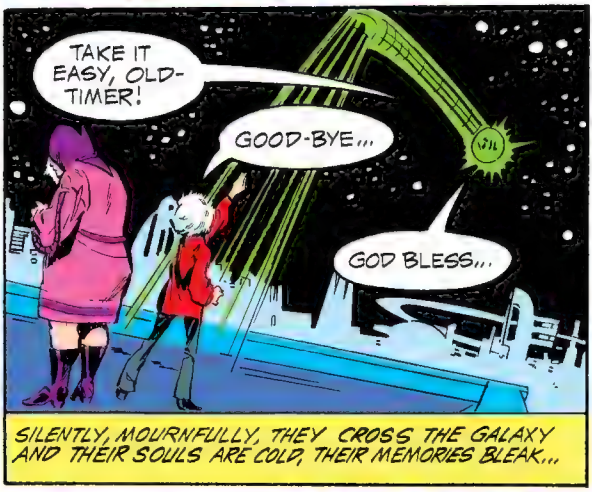

--THE CROWD'LL TEND TO IT!
THEY MUST'VE FOUND YOUR TUNNEL!
THAT LOOK IN THEIR EYES... IT'S MADNESS!
UH-HUH... THEY'VE FINALLY FOUND SOMETHING THEY CAN STRIKE BACK AT!

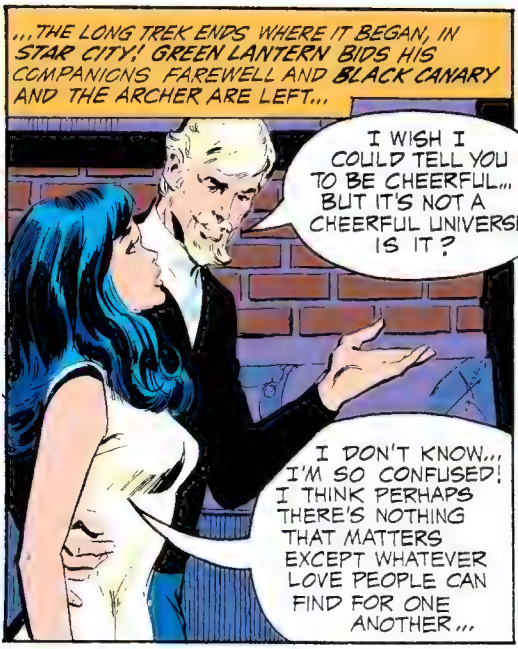

THERE WON'T BE ANY REASONING WITH THEM... NOT UNTIL THEY'RE DONE!
FOR YEARS, THEY'VE SUFFERED...
YEAH! AND NOW IT'S REVENGE TIME!
WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING EXCEPT LEAVE!
THAT... AND PRAY THAT THEY'LL COME TO THEIR SENSES... WHEN IT'S OVER!
WEARILY, THEY LEAVE MOTHER JUNA'S STRONGHOLD, THE SOUNDS OF DESTRUCTION RINGING IN THEIR EARS, AND RETURN TO THE BUBBLE...
FORGIVE MY ASKING... BUT WHY? WHY DID YOU USE YOUR SCIENTIFIC GENIUS FOR EVIL?
I WAS ALWAYS TAUGHT THAT A WOMAN WAS NOTHING IF SHE WASN'T A MOTHER--
EVIL? WHO ARE YOU TO JUDGE?
I WAS ONE OF THE UNLUCKY ONES... I DIDN'T RECOVER FROM THE CLOUD... I COULD NEVER HAVE BABIES OF MY OWN!
DON'T YOU SEE... I HAD TO DO WHAT I DID! I HAD TO CREATE... LIFE!

I'M SORRY... SO SORRY--

I'VE MADE A DECISION... WE'RE RETURNING TO OA--TO APPEAL YOUR SENTENCE!
NO... THERE IS MUCH I CAN DO ON MALTUS!
TO MY SURPRISE, I FIND THAT THE PROSPECT OF DEATH DOES NOT GREATLY DISTURB ME--

KNOWING IT WILL COME, I WILL WORK, I WILL FILL MY DAYS WITH DEEDS...
PERHAPS I CAN ACCOMPLISH MORE IN A DECADE THAN MY IMMORTAL BROTHERS DO IN CENTURIES!
I WILL GO IN PEACE, I AM SURE...


TAKE IT EASY, OLD-TIMER!
GOOD-BYE...
GOD BLESS...
SILENTLY, MOURNFULLY, THEY CROSS THE GALAXY AND THEIR SOULS ARE COLD, THEIR MEMORIES BLEAK...


...THE LONG TREK ENDS WHERE IT BEGAN, IN STAR CITY! GREEN LANTERN BIDS HIS COMPANIONS FAREWELL AND BLACK CANARY AND THE ARCHER ARE LEFT...
I WISH I COULD TELL YOU TO BE CHEERFUL... BUT IT'S NOT A CHEERFUL UNIVERSE, IS IT?
I DON'T KNOW... I'M SO CONFUSED! I THINK PERHAPS THERE'S NOTHING THAT MATTERS EXCEPT WHATEVER LOVE PEOPLE CAN FIND FOR ONE ANOTHER...

PLEASE... BE KIND... BE GENTLE!
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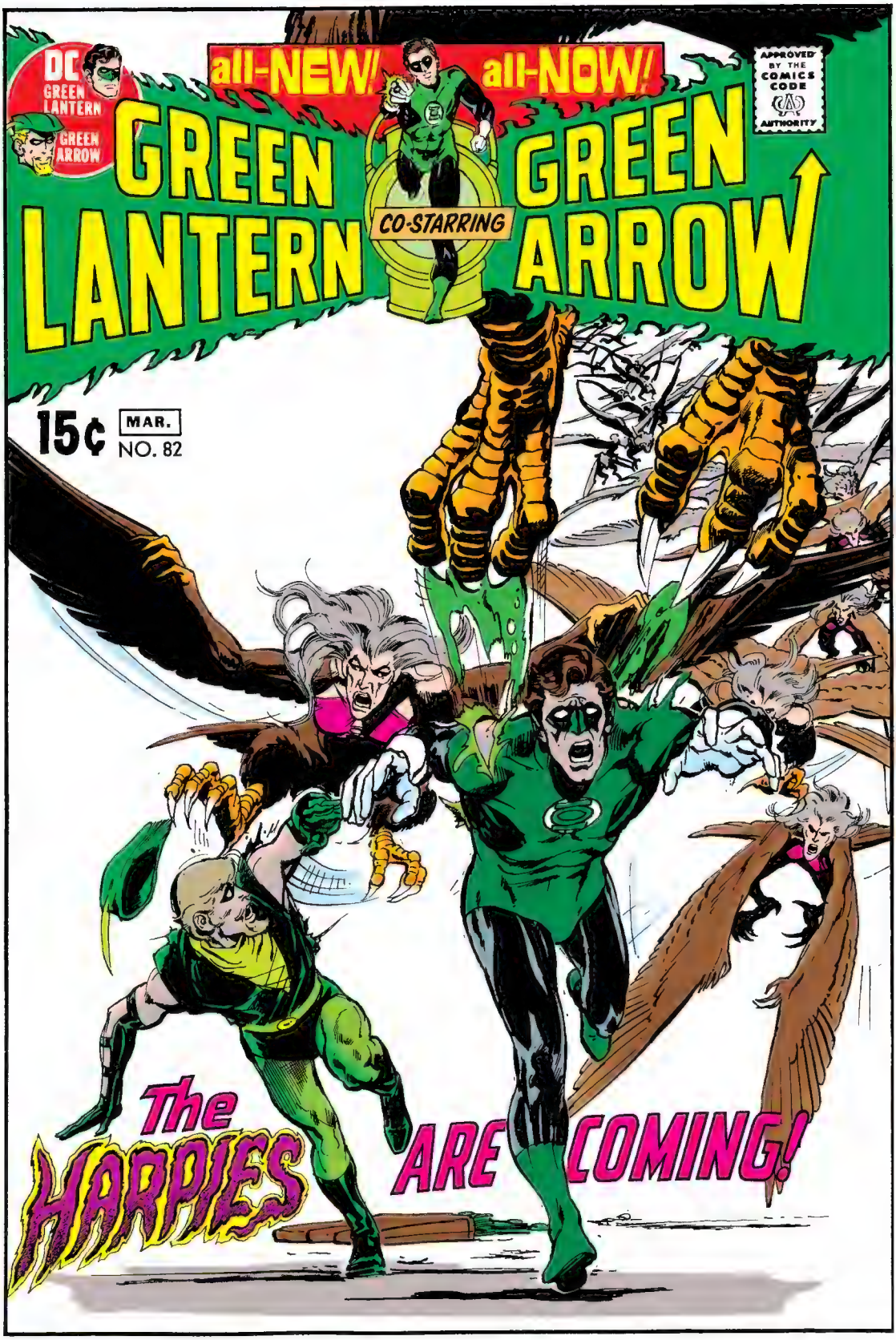
THUS, THE JOURNEY IS DONE! PERHAPS THEY HAVE FOUND WHAT THEY SOUGHT... AND PERHAPS NOT... End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GREEN LANTERN
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all-NEW! all-NOW!
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NO. 82
The HARPIES ARE COMING!

THE DISEASE THAT IS LONELINESS HAS BUT A SINGLE CURE, AND SO A GREEN-CLAD ARCHER COMES TO A COTTAGE ON AN EMPTY STREET IN A SMALL MIDWESTERN TOWN THIS MELANCHOLY AUTUMN EVENING...
GREEN ARROW--! I WASN'T EXPECTING...
I KNOW, DINAH... WE AGREED TO STAY AWAY FROM EACH OTHER UNTIL YOU GOT YOUR HEAD TOGETHER--
BUT I WAS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND I JUST HAPPEN TO HAVE THAT BOX OF ROSES, AND...
YOU BIG GOOF! YOU'RE A FINE ARCHER--BUT A TERRIBLE LIAR!
GUESS THE LEAST I CAN DO IS OPEN THE BOX--

IT BEGINS THEN, IN ONE AWESOME MOMENT OF MIND-CHILLING TERROR! FOR FROM THE BOX COMES A PAIR OF... MONSTERS... FILLING THE ROOM WITH STENCH--AND TWO HEARTS WITH DREAD...
SKREEEEEE
HOW DO YOU FIGHT A NIGHTMARE?
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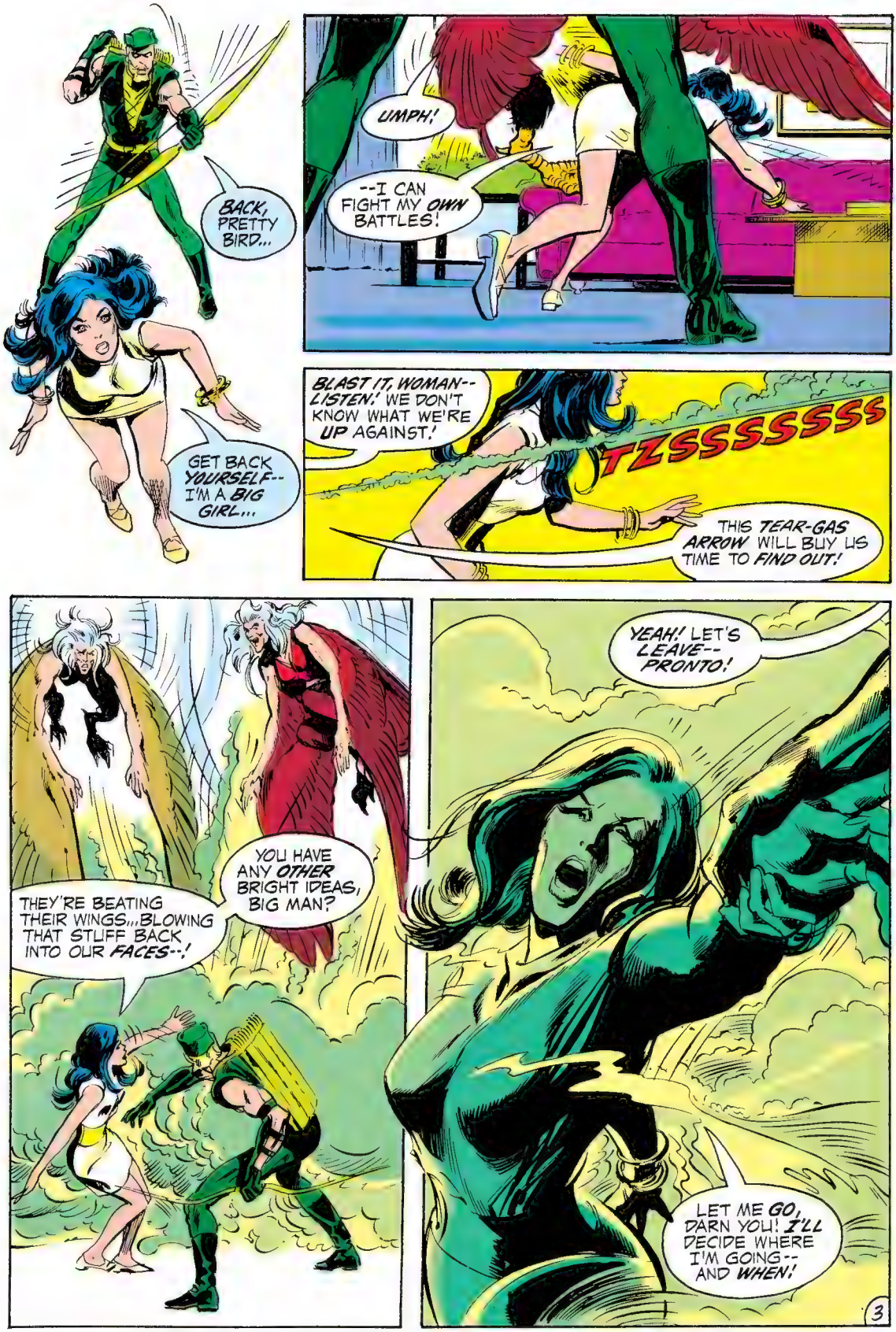
BACK, PRETTY BIRD...
GET BACK YOURSELF-- I'M A BIG GIRL...
UMPH!
--I CAN FIGHT MY OWN BATTLES!
BLAST IT, WOMAN-- LISTEN! WE DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST!
TZSSSSSSS
THIS TEAR-GAS ARROW WILL BUY US TIME TO FIND OUT!
THEY'RE BEATING THEIR WINGS... BLOWING THAT STUFF BACK INTO OUR FACES--!
YOU HAVE ANY OTHER BRIGHT IDEAS, BIG MAN?
YEAH! LET'S LEAVE-- PRONTO!
LET ME GO, DARN YOU! I'LL DECIDE WHERE I'M GOING-- AND WHEN!
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GASPING AND PANTING, THE WOMAN KNOWN AS DINAH DRAKE AND GREEN ARROW STUMBLE INTO THE COOL NIGHT AIR...
DUMB...DUMB... DUMB--USING GAS IN A TINY ROOM--!
GO ON...RUB IT IN! WHILE YOU'RE CHORTLING AT MY EXPENSE, I'LL TAKE A LOOK INSIDE!
THEY'RE GONE! THE PLACE IS EMPTY...EXCEPT FOR THE BOX-- AND THE ROSES I BOUGHT!
NOW WHAT?
THOSE...THINGS--THEY REMINDED ME OF HARPIES ...MYTHOLOGICAL CREATURES! AND MYTHOLOGY IS OUT OF MY LINE--WAY OUT!
BUT WE BOTH KNOW A MAN WHO'S USED STRANGENESS... HE'S THE GUY WE CONTACT!
AND SO, A FEW HOURS LATER, IN A DRAB HOTEL ROOM SOMEWHERE IN THE WESTERN QUARTER OF THE UNITED STATES...
TELEGRAM, MR. JORDAN!
THANKS, FELLA! ADD A NICE TIP FOR YOURSELF TO MY BILL!
FROM THE ARROW... A CALL FOR HELP! SURELY IT'S NOT HAL JORDAN HE'S EXPECTING TO RESPOND--
...BUT GREEN LANTERN!
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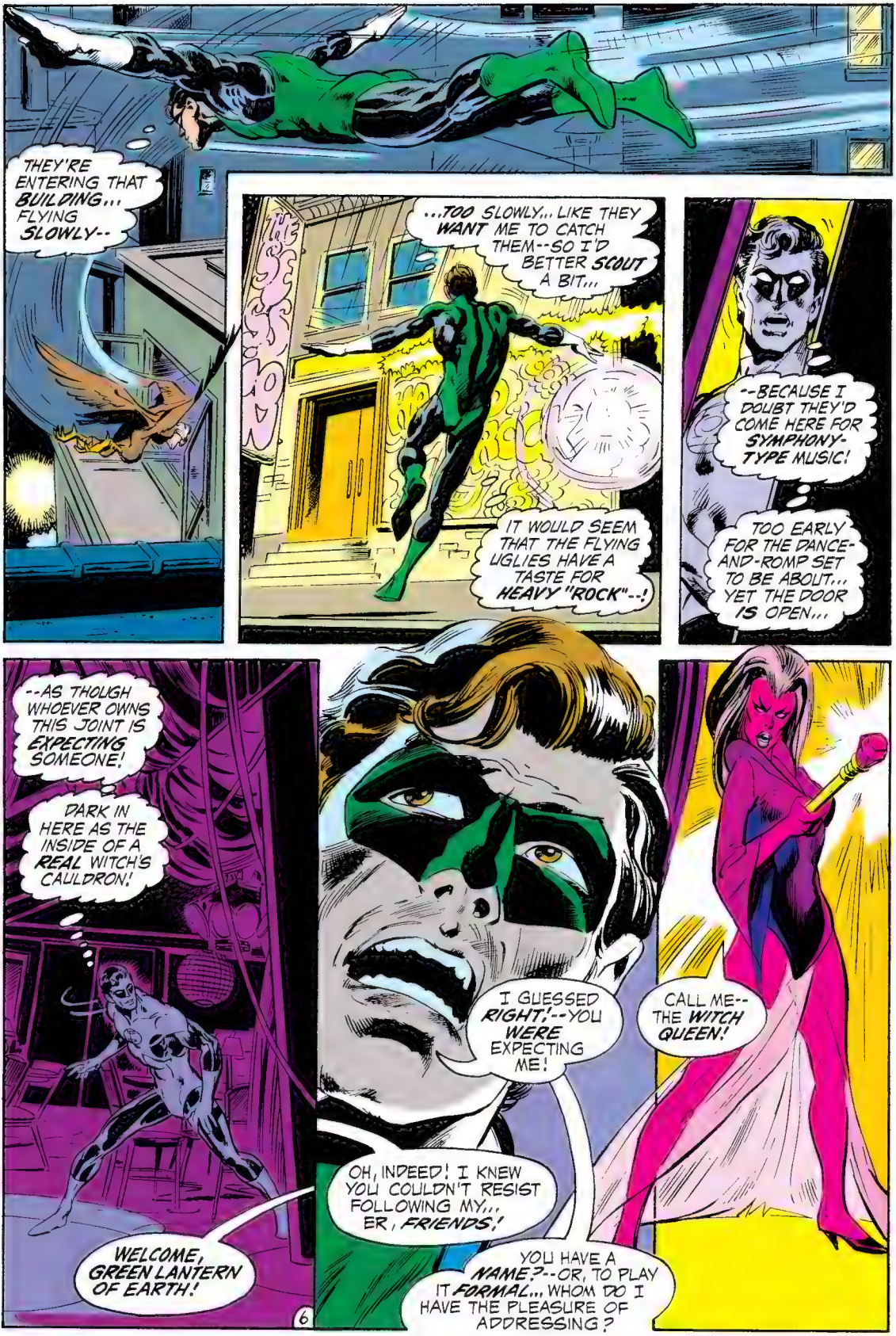
IN BRIGHTEST DAY, IN BLACKEST NIGHT, NO EVIL WILL ESCAPE MY SIGHT! LET THOSE WHO WORSHIP EVIL'S MIGHT BEWARE MY POWER--GREEN LANTERN'S LIGHT!
I'M NOT SURE I HAVE THE RIGHT TO WEAR THIS RING... I'M NOT ON DUTY WITH THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS--
--AND I SUSPECT THE GUARDIANS AREN'T HAPPY WITH MY LONG LEAVE OF ABSENCE!
STILL, I VOWED TO COMBAT WRONG ANYWHERE... AT ANY TIME!
REGARDLESS OF MY OFFICIAL STATUS, I MEAN TO FULFILL THAT VOW!
SUDDENLY--
GREAT GUARDIANS--! WHAT IN THE GREAT GALAXIES ARE THOSE? THEY CAME FROM NOWHERE...
MAYBE I SHOULD TALK WITH THE ARROW BEFORE CHASING OFF LIKE THIS--
I'VE A HUNCH I'M GOING AFTER PART OF HIS PROBLEM!
BUT I CAN'T JUST LET A COUPLE OF MONSTERS FLAP AROUND LOOSE!


THEY'RE ENTERING THAT BUILDING... FLYING SLOWLY--
...TOO SLOWLY... LIKE THEY WANT ME TO CATCH THEM--SO I'D BETTER SCOUT A BIT...
IT WOULD SEEM THAT THE FLYING UGLIES HAVE A TASTE FOR HEAVY "ROCK"--!
--BECAUSE I DOUBT THEY'D COME HERE FOR SYMPHONY-TYPE MUSIC!
TOO EARLY FOR THE DANCE-AND-ROMP SET TO BE ABOUT... YET THE DOOR IS OPEN...
--AS THOUGH WHOEVER OWNS THIS JOINT IS EXPECTING SOMEONE!
DARK IN HERE AS THE INSIDE OF A REAL WITCH'S CAULDRON!
WELCOME, GREEN LANTERN OF EARTH!
I GUESSED RIGHT!--YOU WERE EXPECTING ME!
CALL ME-- THE WITCH QUEEN!
OH, INDEED! I KNEW YOU COULDN'T RESIST FOLLOWING MY... ER, FRIENDS!
YOU HAVE A NAME?--OR, TO PLAY IT FORMAL... WHOM DO I HAVE THE PLEASURE OF ADDRESSING?

SOMETHING FAMILIAR ABOUT HER! I'VE MET HER BEFORE--BUT WHERE?
OKAY, I WILL! HOWDY, WITCH QUEEN...
MIND TELLING WHY YOU LURED ME TO THIS CHARMING PAD?
TO DESTROY YOU!--SURELY YOU GUESSED THAT, TOO!
HA--! YOU CROUCH... YOU READY YOURSELF AND YOUR POWER RING FOR COMBAT!
IN VAIN, GREEN LANTERN OF EARTH--YOUR BEST EFFORT WILL BE PUNY IN THE FACE OF MY ELDRITCH POWER--
YOU DOUBT? THEN ATTACK ME--IF YOU DARE!
CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO STRIKE A WOMAN... THOUGH EVERY INSTINCT TELLS ME THAT UNLESS I DO--
--SHE'LL MAKE GOOD HER BOAST!
THAT SCEPTRE... IT'S BEGINNING TO GLOW... WITH YELLOW LIGHT--!
RESIST, GREEN LANTERN! PIT YOUR STRENGTH AGAINST MINE--FOR I ENJOY WATCHING YOU STRUGGLE!
--AND FEEL THE IRRESISTIBLE TUG OF MY JEWEL!
RING'S BEAM IS USELESS AGAINST YELLOW! GOT TO ESCAPE...
TOO LATE--! I'M CAUGHT... HELPLESS!
KNOW NOW THAT YOU GO TO A PLACE WHENCE THERE CAN BE NO RETURNING!
YOU ARE TO LIVE THE FEW BRIEF HOURS LEFT TO YOU IN THE DIMENSION OF FURIES!
IT'S A... NIGHTMARE--AND I CAN'T WAKE UP--!

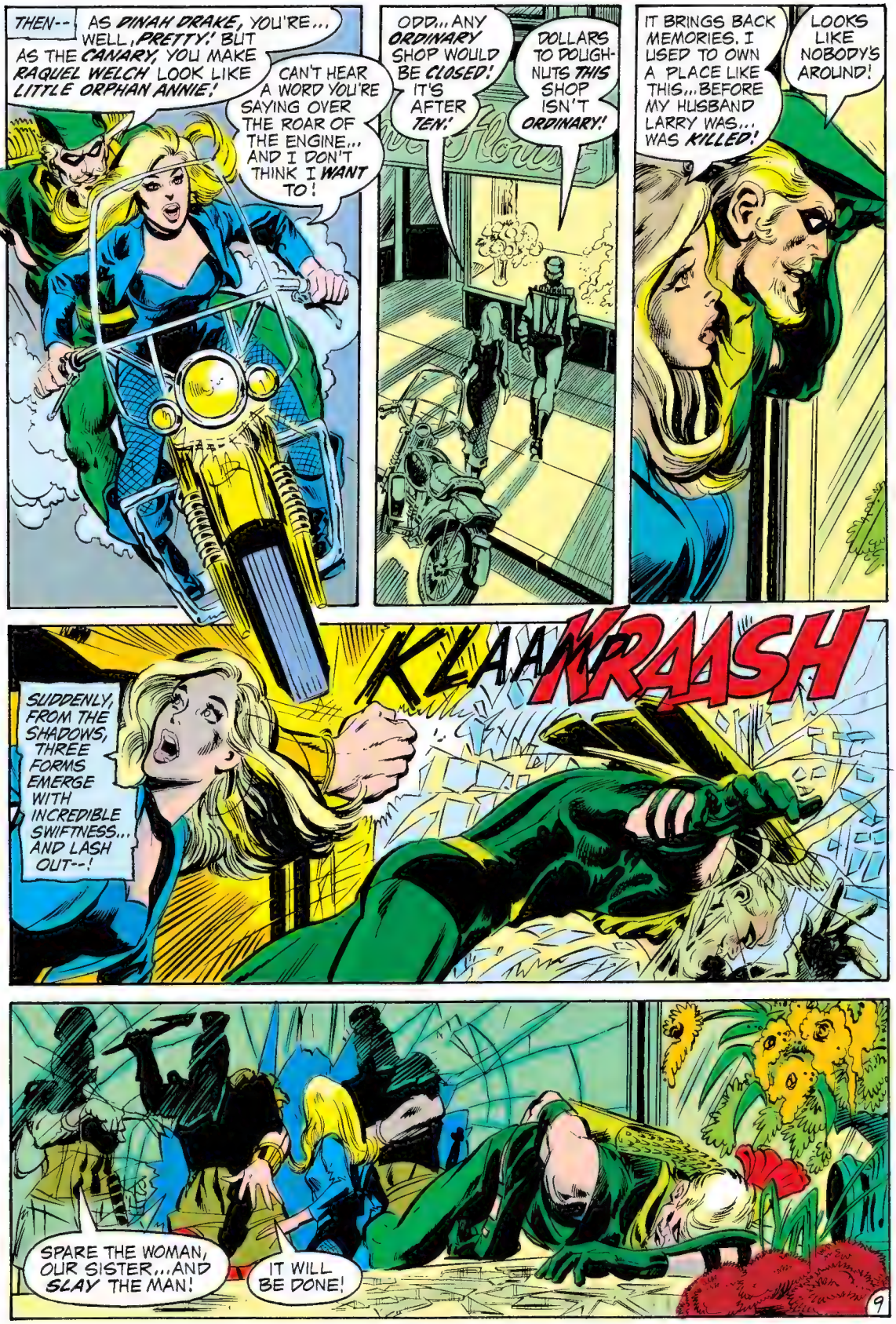
THUS YOU ARE IMPRISONED... AS MY BROTHER WISHED--AS HE PLANNED!
LOOK UPON HIM AND SEE THE ARCHITECT OF YOUR DOOM!
WE MEET AGAIN, OLD ENEMY!
YOU?

AT THAT MOMENT, A FEW SHORT MILES DISTANT...
GREEN LANTERN SHOULD'VE ARRIVED HOURS AGO!
YEAH...I GOT A NASTY FEELING HE'S IN TROUBLE!--AND I, FOR ONE, AM TIRED OF WAITING!

THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO TILL HE ARRIVES--
WRONG AGAIN! WE CAN GO TO THE SHOP WHERE I GOT THESE BLOSSOMS AND...
HE-E-EY--WHAT'S THIS?

SOME KIND OF GEM! WHEN I WAS RICH, I HAD LOADS OF EXPENSIVE ICE--
BUT I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE!

A COUPLE OF NON-EXISTENT MONSTERS AND A WEIRD JEWEL! TO ME, IT ADDS UP TO A PLOT!
I'M GONNA SEE A CERTAIN CLERK--
WAIT--I'LL COME WITH YOU! SOON AS I CHANGE CLOTHES!


THEN--
AS DINAH DRAKE, YOU'RE... WELL, PRETTY! BUT AS THE CANARY, YOU MAKE RAQUEL WELCH LOOK LIKE LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE!
CAN'T HEAR A WORD YOU'RE SAYING OVER THE ROAR OF THE ENGINE... AND I DON'T THINK I WANT TO!
ODD... ANY ORDINARY SHOP WOULD BE CLOSED! IT'S AFTER TEN!
DOLLARS TO DOUGHNUTS THIS SHOP ISN'T ORDINARY!
IT BRINGS BACK MEMORIES. I USED TO OWN A PLACE LIKE THIS... BEFORE MY HUSBAND LARRY WAS... WAS KILLED!
LOOKS LIKE NOBODY'S AROUND!
SUDDENLY, FROM THE SHADOWS, THREE FORMS EMERGE WITH INCREDIBLE SWIFTNESS... AND LASH OUT--!
KLAAKRAASH
SPARE THE WOMAN, OUR SISTER... AND SLAY THE MAN!
IT WILL BE DONE!
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NO! DON'T TOUCH HIM... DON'T DARE!
THE SISTER IS HIS BENEFACTOR!
THAT CONCERNS US NOT! DO AS YOU HAVE BEEN COMMANDED!
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE... WHAT YOU WANT--! I ONLY CAN SEE YOU'RE COWARDS...
TRYING TO HARM A DEFENSELESS MAN!
YOU'LL HAVE TO DEAL WITH ME, FIRST!
THE SISTER PROTESTS! PERHAPS A SMALL CHASTISEMENT WILL SOFTEN HER TONE!
BE CAUTIOUS!
I WILL TAKE CARE NOT TO HURT HER! A MERE TOKEN PUNISHMENT SHOULD SUFFICE!
DON'T BET ON IT, MISSY!
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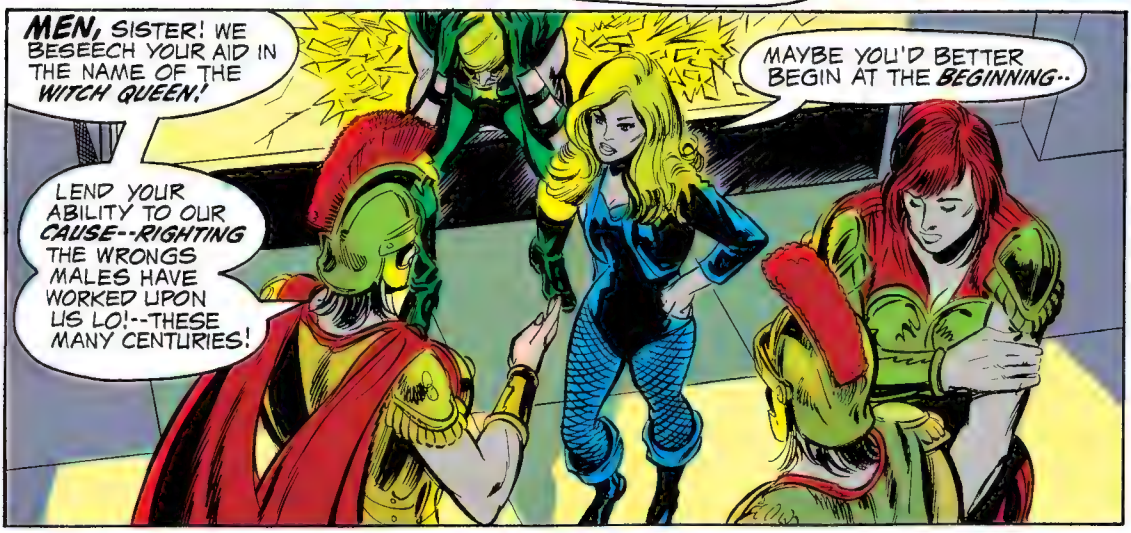
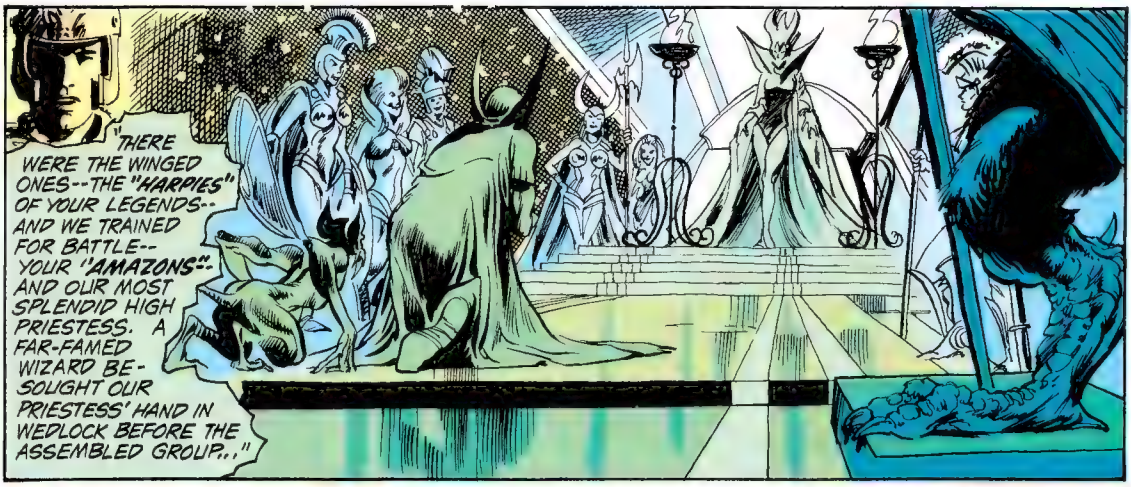
THIS IS THE BLACK CANARY... FRAGILE, DELICATE--AND FIERCE AS A TIGRESS!
NONE WHO EVER LIVED CAN MATCH HER SKILL AT ANCIENT FIGHTING ARTS!
SHE MOVES WITH THE GRACE OF A BALLET DANCER...
...AND THE DARTING SWIFTNESS OF A HUMMINGBIRD!
AND NOW, IN THESE MOMENTS OF SILENT STRUGGLE, HER PROWESS IS GREATER THAN EVER...
...FOR SHE IS FIRED WITH A WILL TO PROTECT ONE SHE CHERISHES!

ABRUPTLY, IT IS FINISHED...
HER COMBAT ABILITY IS AWESOME!
I CONCEDE, SISTER!
BE OUR ALLY, SISTER--HELP US REVENGE THE AGELESS WRONGS!
WE PLEAD...WE ENTREAT YOU--JOIN US!
WITH ONE SUCH AS YOU FIGHTING BESIDE US, VICTORY WOULD BE ASSURED!
WRONGS? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?


MEN, SISTER! WE BESEECH YOUR AID IN THE NAME OF THE WITCH QUEEN!
LEND YOUR ABILITY TO OUR CAUSE--RIGHTING THE WRONGS MALES HAVE WORKED UPON US LO!--THESE MANY CENTURIES!
MAYBE YOU'D BETTER BEGIN AT THE BEGINNING--

IT WAS IN A TIME BEFORE YOUR HISTORY BEGAN TO BE RECORDED. WE WERE A MIGHTY SISTERHOOD, DEDICATED TO AIDING MAN IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST HOSTILE ELEMENTS...


"THERE WERE THE WINGED ONES--THE "HARPIES" OF YOUR LEGENDS--AND WE TRAINED FOR BATTLE--YOUR "AMAZONS"--AND OUR MOST SPLENDID HIGH PRIESTESS. A FAR-FAMED WIZARD BE-SOUGHT OUR PRIESTESS' HAND IN WEDLOCK BEFORE THE ASSEMBLED GROUP..."

"...AND BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY, SHE SCORNED HIM, AND THE HAUGHTINESS OF HER LAUGHTER SEEMED TO WITHER HIS VERY SOUL..."
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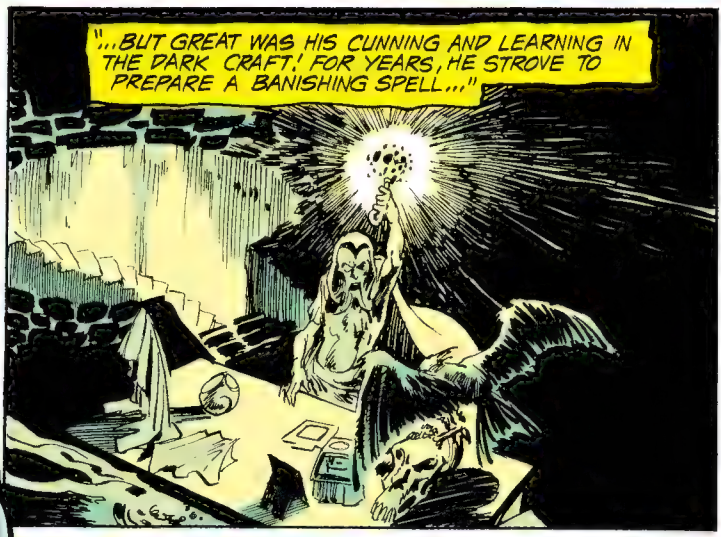
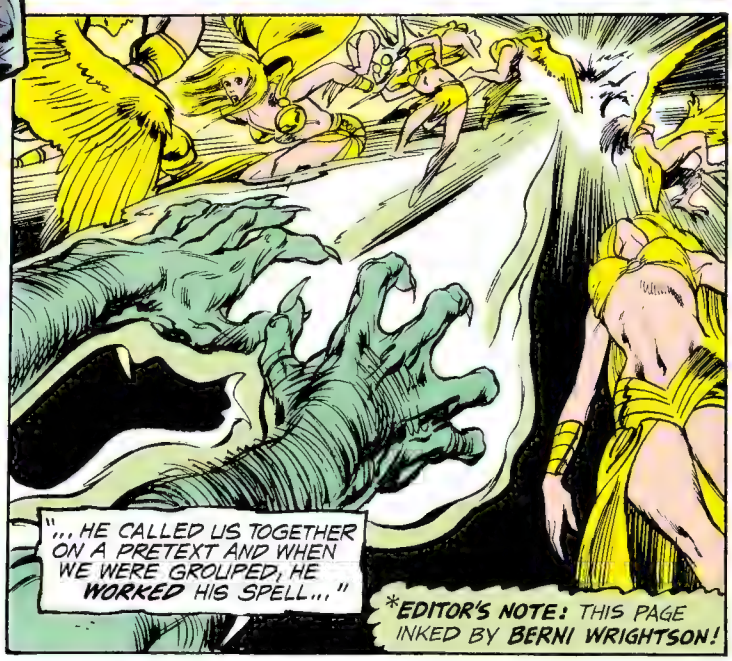

"...BUT GREAT WAS HIS CUNNING AND LEARNING IN THE DARK CRAFT. FOR YEARS, HE STROVE TO PREPARE A BANISHING SPELL..."


"...HE CALLED US TOGETHER ON A PRETEXT AND WHEN WE WERE GROUPED, HE WORKED HIS SPELL..."
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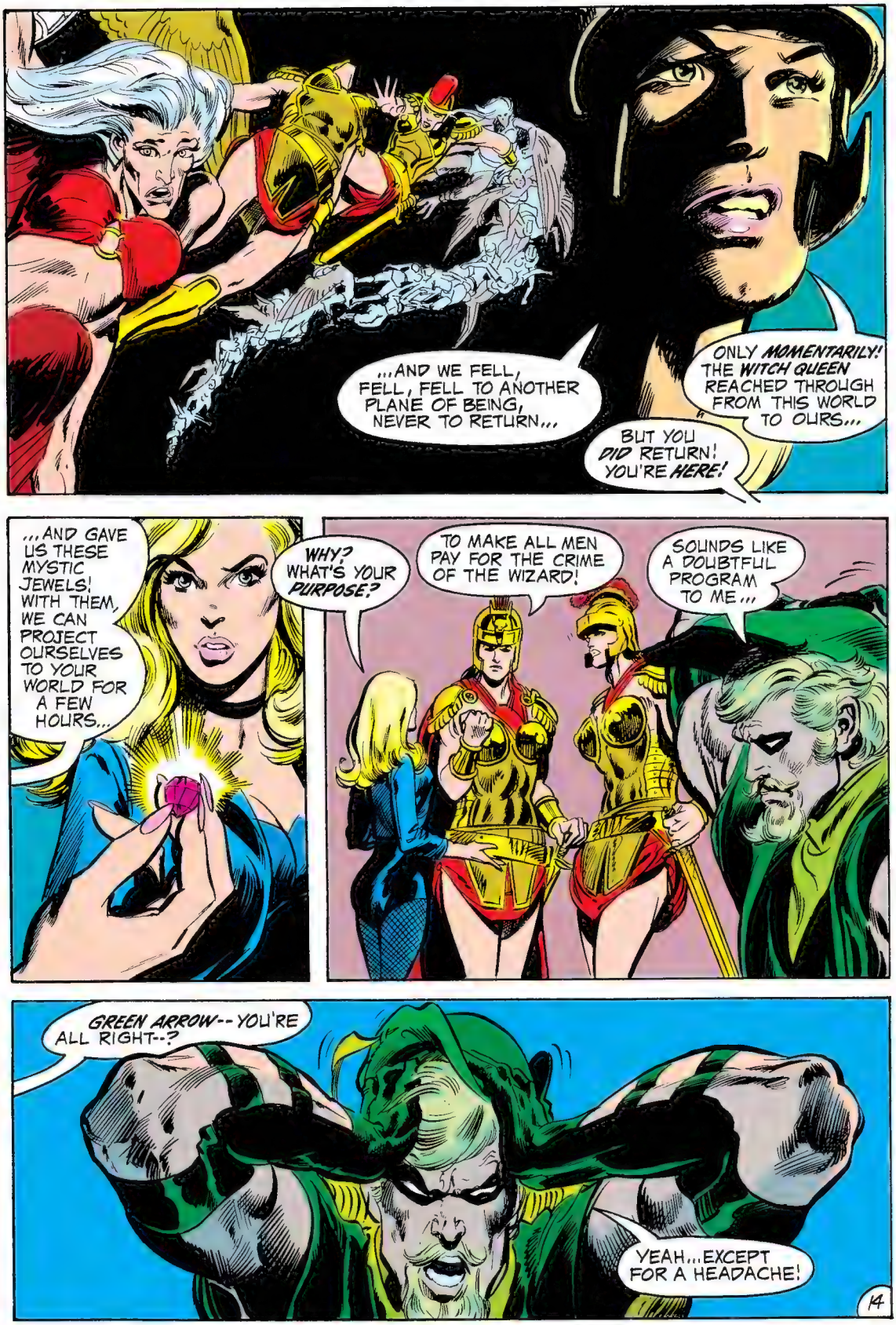
...AND WE FELL, FELL, FELL TO ANOTHER PLANE OF BEING, NEVER TO RETURN...
ONLY MOMENTARILY! THE WITCH QUEEN REACHED THROUGH FROM THIS WORLD TO OURS...
BUT YOU DID RETURN! YOU'RE HERE!
...AND GAVE US THESE MYSTIC JEWELS! WITH THEM, WE CAN PROJECT OURSELVES TO YOUR WORLD FOR A FEW HOURS...
WHY? WHAT'S YOUR PURPOSE?
TO MAKE ALL MEN PAY FOR THE CRIME OF THE WIZARD!
SOUNDS LIKE A DOUBTFUL PROGRAM TO ME...
GREEN ARROW-- YOU'RE ALL RIGHT--?
YEAH...EXCEPT FOR A HEADACHE!
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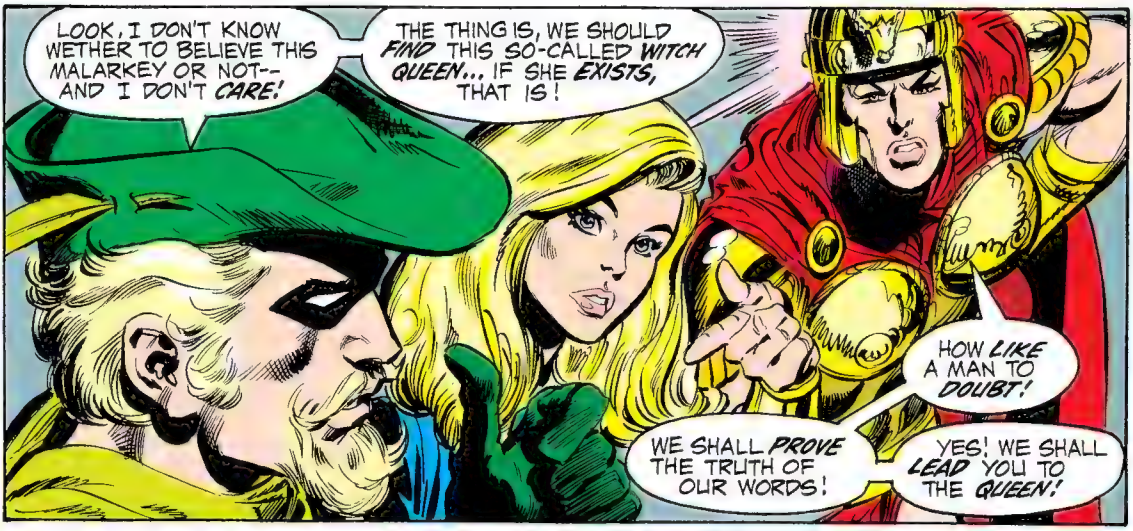
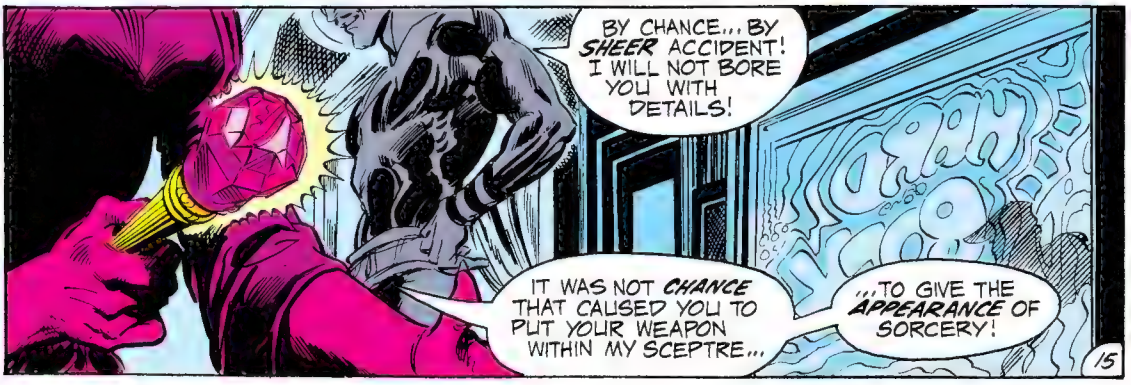

LOOK, I DON'T KNOW WETHER TO BELIEVE THIS MALARKEY OR NOT-- AND I DON'T CARE!
THE THING IS, WE SHOULD FIND THIS SO-CALLED WITCH QUEEN... IF SHE EXISTS, THAT IS!
HOW LIKE A MAN TO DOUBT!
WE SHALL PROVE THE TRUTH OF OUR WORDS!
YES! WE SHALL LEAD YOU TO THE QUEEN!

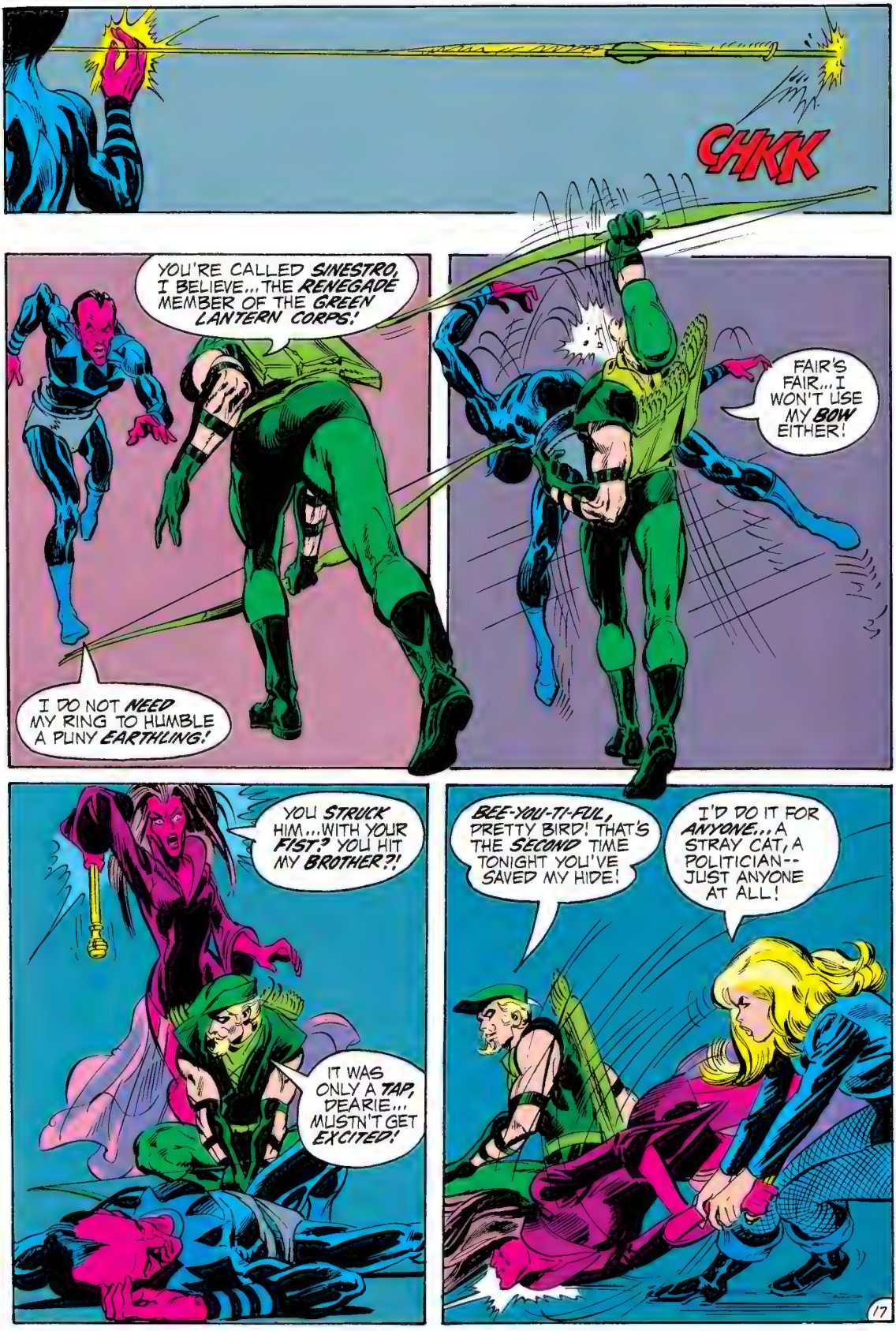
EVEN AS THE AMAZONS GUIDE THE DOUBTING ARCHER AND HIS LOVELY COMPANION THROUGH THE DARK STREETS, THE SOUND OF GLOATING FILLS THE DISCOTHEQUE...
I SHALL NEVER FORGET THE LOOK ON HIS FACE! I SHALL RELISH IT TO MY DYING DAY!
I DO NOT FULLY COMPREHEND THE DETAILS OF YOUR SCHEME, BROTHER!

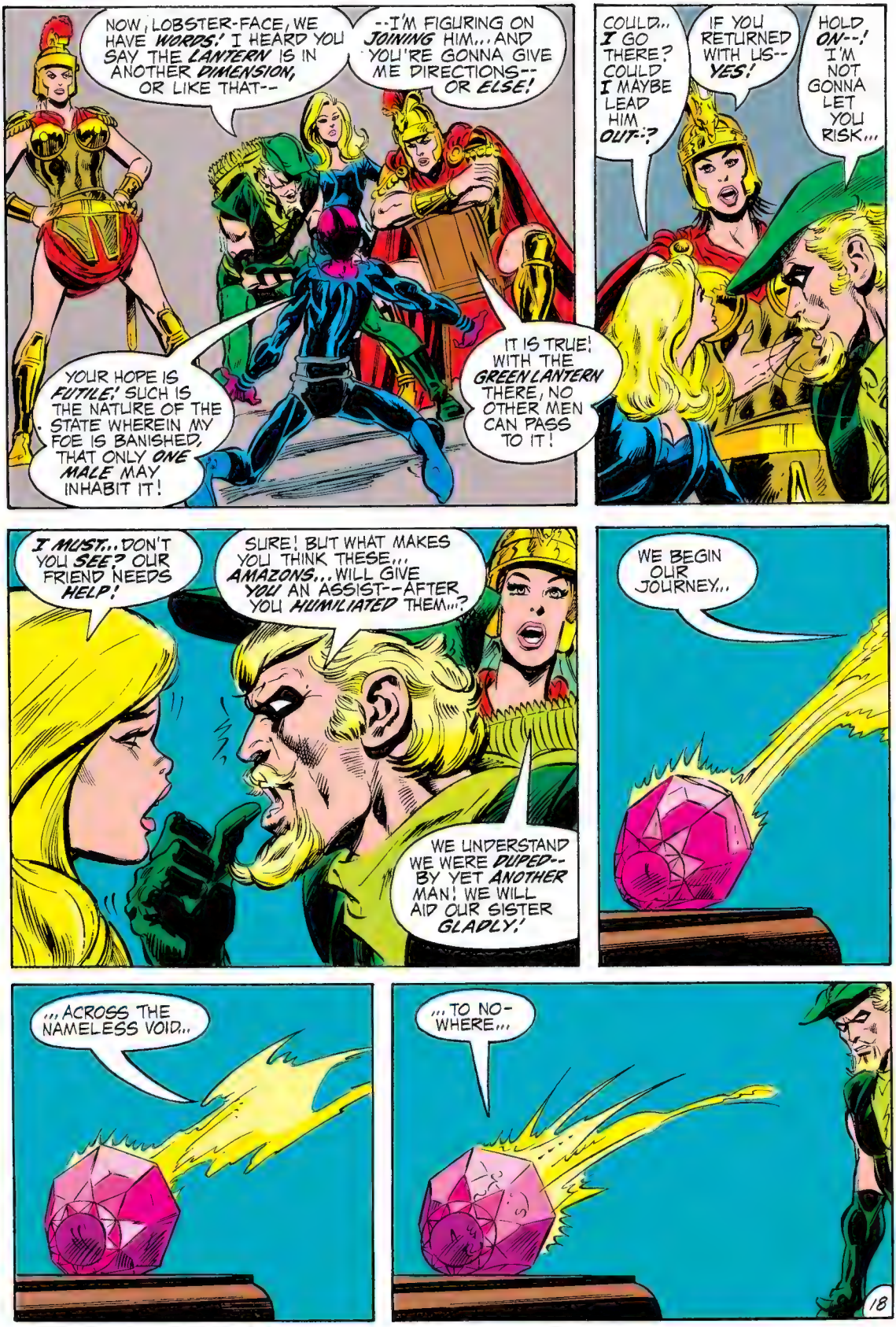
I COULD NOT FIND MY ENEMY.., BUT HIS FRIENDS WERE EASY ENOUGH TO FIND!
SO I SEIZED THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLACE AN AMAZON WITHIN THE FLOWER-SHOP--WHEN HE DIRECTED HIMSELF THERE...

...KNOWING THAT WHEN THE HARPIES APPEARED, THE ARROW-FLINGER WOULD SUMMON MY ENEMY!
AND HOW DID YOU HAPPEN TO DISCOVER THE NETHER-PLANE IN WHICH YOU IMPRISONED HIM?

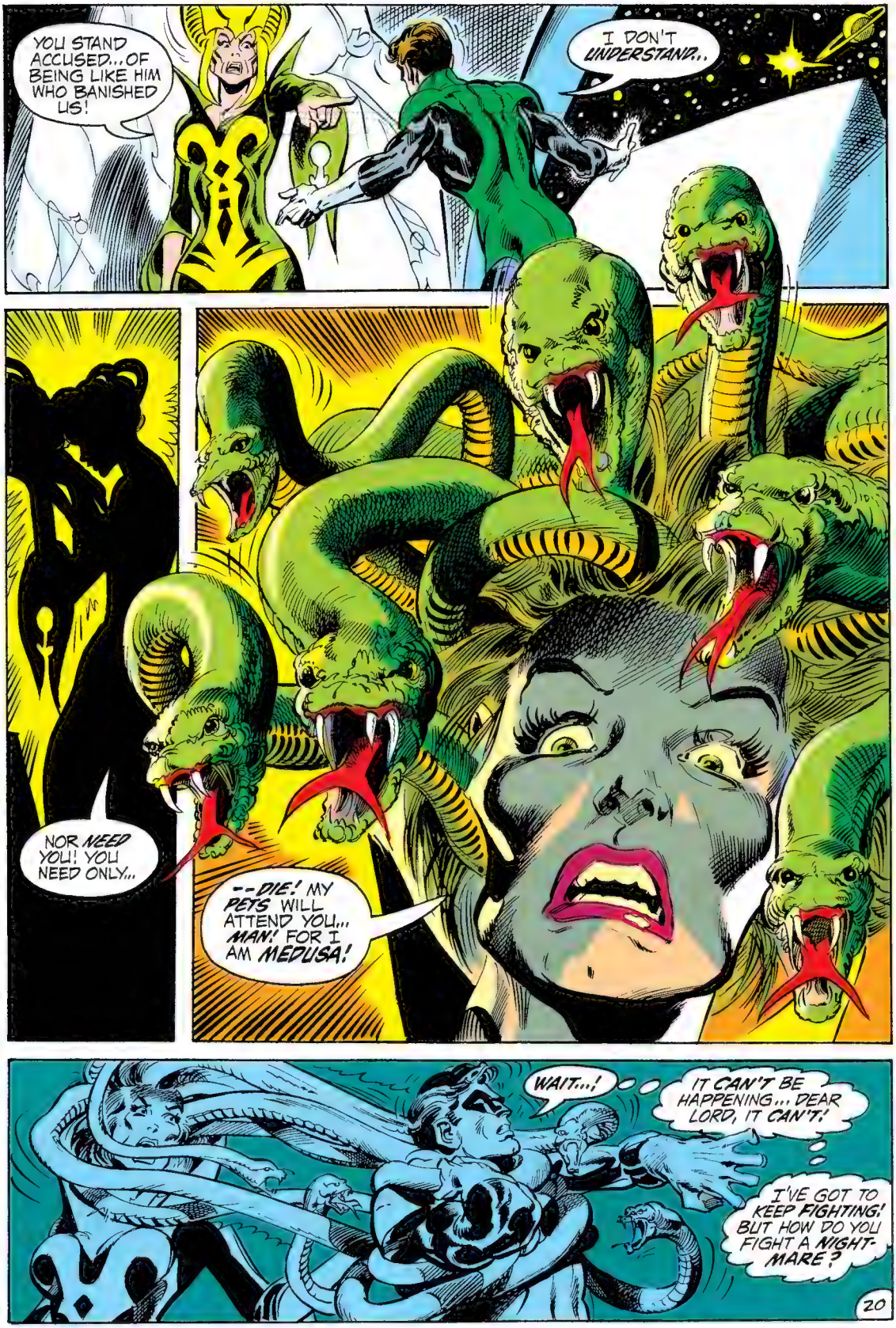

BY CHANCE... BY SHEER ACCIDENT! I WILL NOT BORE YOU WITH DETAILS!
IT WAS NOT CHANCE THAT CAUSED YOU TO PUT YOUR WEAPON WITHIN MY SCEPTRE...
...TO GIVE THE APPEARANCE OF SORCERY!

NO... THAT WAS CLEVERNESS! I COUNTED ON MY FOE'S BE-WILDERMENT...
PERHAPS YOU HAD BEST TAKE IT BACK!
UH-UH, LADY... IT LOOKS BETTER ON YOU!
SKAAASH
--THE ARCHER! QUICKLY, MY BROTHER... USE YOUR WEAPON!
I HAVE IT...MY RING! HIS SHAFTS ARE NOTHING AGAINST IT!
THINK NOT? OKAY, WE'LL SEE!
NO EYE CAN FOLLOW GREEN ARROW'S HAND AS IT REACHES INTO HIS QUIVER, SELECTS AN ARROW BY TOUCH AND FITS IT TO BOWSTRING!
THERE IS THE TWANG OF THE STRING, BUT BEFORE ANY HEARS THAT SOUND, THE SHAFT IS ALREADY SPEEDING TOWARD THE TARGET--!


CHKK
YOU'RE CALLED SINESTRO, I BELIEVE... THE RENEGADE MEMBER OF THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS!
I DO NOT NEED MY RING TO HUMBLE A PUNY EARTHLING!
FAIR'S FAIR... I WON'T USE MY BOW EITHER!
YOU STRUCK HIM... WITH YOUR FIST? YOU HIT MY BROTHER?!
IT WAS ONLY A TAP, DEARIE... MUSTN'T GET EXCITED!
BEE-YOU-TI-FUL, PRETTY BIRD! THAT'S THE SECOND TIME TONIGHT YOU'VE SAVED MY HIDE!
I'D DO IT FOR ANYONE... A STRAY CAT, A POLITICIAN-- JUST ANYONE AT ALL!


NOW, LOBSTER-FACE, WE HAVE WORDS! I HEARD YOU SAY THE LANTERN IS IN ANOTHER DIMENSION, OR LIKE THAT--
--I'M FIGURING ON JOINING HIM... AND YOU'RE GONNA GIVE ME DIRECTIONS-- OR ELSE!
YOUR HOPE IS FUTILE! SUCH IS THE NATURE OF THE STATE WHEREIN MY FOE IS BANISHED, THAT ONLY ONE MALE MAY INHABIT IT!
IT IS TRUE! WITH THE GREEN LANTERN THERE, NO OTHER MEN CAN PASS TO IT!
COULD... I GO THERE? COULD I MAYBE LEAD HIM OUT--?
IF YOU RETURNED WITH US-- YES!
HOLD ON--! I'M NOT GONNA LET YOU RISK...
I MUST... DON'T YOU SEE? OUR FRIEND NEEDS HELP!
SURE! BUT WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THESE... AMAZONS... WILL GIVE YOU AN ASSIST--AFTER YOU HUMILIATED THEM...?
WE UNDERSTAND WE WERE DUPED-- BY YET ANOTHER MAN! WE WILL AID OUR SISTER GLADLY!
WE BEGIN OUR JOURNEY...
...ACROSS THE NAMELESS VOID...
...TO NO-WHERE...

TIME AND SPACE ARE BUT CONSTRUCTS OF THE PSYCHE--AND HERE, WHERE ILLUSION IS REAL AND REALITY ILLUSION, TIME AND SPACE DO NOT EXIST...
IT'S MADNESS! I CAN'T BE REALLY EXPERIENCING THIS...BUT I AM!
CAN I LIVE IN INSANITY? ALREADY, I SENSE MY MIND TWISTING, CHURNING...
SKREEEEEEEE
SKREE
EEEEEEEEEEEEE
THE MONSTERS... ATTACKING! GOT TO USE MY RING...SHIELD MYSELF...
AT LEAST, THEY DON'T WANT TO KILL ME...NOT RIGHT AWAY!
IT DOESN'T WORK! THE RING MIGHT AS WELL BE A TOY!
CAN'T TELL WHY...MAYBE I'M SIMPLY TOO SHOOK TO GATHER SUFFICIENT WILL POWER...
TIME DOES NOT EXIST... BUT AN INTERVAL PASSES, AND--
END OF THE LINE, I GUESS! THE WOMAN WITH THE FANCY HAT MUST BE THEIR LEADER!
BRING HIM HITHER!


YOU STAND ACCUSED... OF BEING LIKE HIM WHO BANISHED US!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND...
NOR NEED YOU! YOU NEED ONLY...
--DIE! MY PETS WILL ATTEND YOU... MAN! FOR I AM MEDUSA!
WAIT...!
IT CAN'T BE HAPPENING... DEAR LORD, IT CAN'T!
I'VE GOT TO KEEP FIGHTING! BUT HOW DO YOU FIGHT A NIGHT-MARE?

STOP!!
WHO DARES INTERRUPT MY VENGEANCE?
GNNN!
MURDER THIS MAN... AND YOU'LL REGRET IT THE REST OF YOUR DAYS! HE ISN'T YOUR ENEMY--
HE IS A MAN--THEREFORE... ENEMY!
HEAR OUR SISTER, GREAT MEDUSA!
YOU'RE BEING USED... USED TO REVENGE SOMEONE ELSE'S GRIEVANCE!
THIS IS TRUTH! WE ARE DUPED THIS DAY! I SWEAR IT, MIGHTY PRIESTESS!
YOU WANT TO FREE YOURSELVES... REGAIN YOUR DIGNITY! ISN'T THAT SO?
WELL, MINDLESS SLAUGHTER ISN'T THE WAY TO DO IT!
IT WOULD FOREVER STAIN OUR HONOR AS WOMEN TO SLAY MAN AT THE BIDDING OF MAN!
I IMPLORE YOU... RELEASE HIM!
YOU DO NOT LIE, SISTER! I KNOW THIS... AND SO I HEED YOU!
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MY PETS RETURN TO THEIR NEST! BUT UNDERSTAND.. I WILL NOT TOLERATE MALE PRESENCE IN MY DOMAIN!
THE MAGIC OF THE GEMS IS EXHAUSTED! HOWEVER, I SAW HOW THE WITCH USED HER BROTHER'S RING...
THEN YOU CAN SHOW GREEN LANTERN HOW TO RETURN SAFELY TO OUR DIMENSION?
HURRIEDLY, THE WOMAN WARRIOR INSTRUCTS GREEN LANTERN, AND...
GOOD-BYE... AND I HOPE EVERYTHING WILL GO RIGHT FOR YOU!
FARE YOU WELL, SISTER!
THEN--
YOU MADE IT! PRETTY BIRD, THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN'T DO! COME ON... GIVE! THE WHOLE STORY!
FIRST, WHAT HAPPENED HERE? WHERE'S THE DISCOTHEQUE?
I HAD THE LOCAL POLICE COLLECT SINESTRO AND HIS FEMALE HELPER... SOON AS THEY LEFT, THE JOINT VANISHED!
IT MUST HAVE BEEN A CONSTRUCT OF SINESTRO'S RING--WHICH I HOPE YOU REMEMBERED TO TELL THE OFFICERS ABOUT!
I DID... I ONLY LOOK DUMB! NOW... TALK!
AND WHEN THE STRANGE TALE IS TOLD..
ASK ME, THE WHOLE THING WAS UNREAL-- AS PHONY AS THE DISCOTHEQUE!-- SINESTRO'S LITTLE GAME!
I DON'T BELIEVE IN OTHER DIMENSIONS... MEDUSAS... AMAZONS, FOR PETE'S SAKE!
YOU WEREN'T THERE! IF YOU HAD BEEN, YOU'D BELIEVE... OH, HOW YOU'D BELIEVE!
RIGHT ON! End

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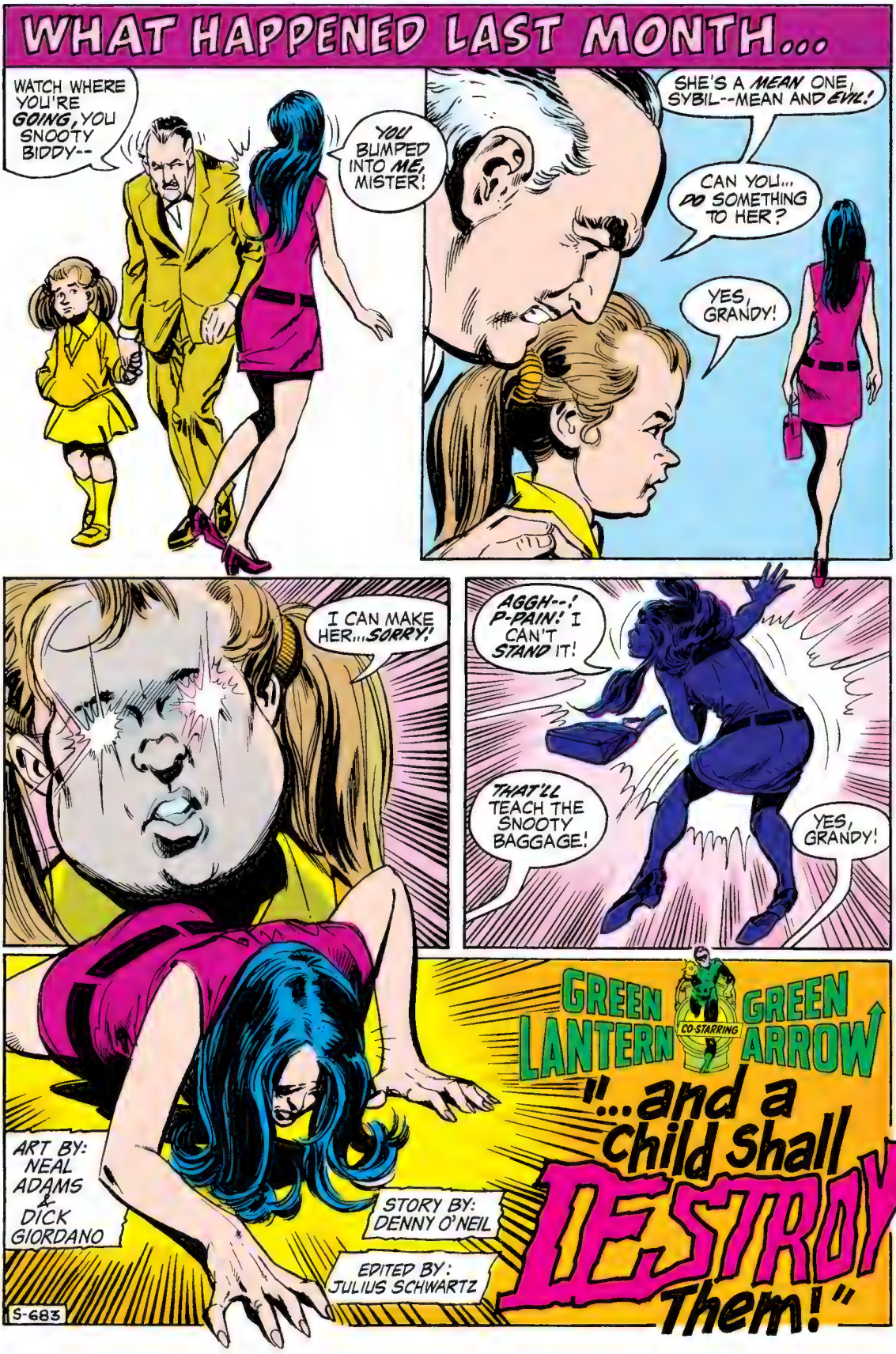
NEVER AGAIN WILL SUPER-HEROES INTERFERE WITH OUR ORDERLY WORLD!
DESTROY THEM!
WE CAN'T FIGHT THAT! WE'RE FINISHED!
"AND A CHILD SHALL DESTROY THEM!"


WHAT HAPPENED LAST MONTH...
WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING, YOU SNOOTY BIDDY--
YOU BUMPED INTO ME, MISTER!
SHE'S A MEAN ONE, SYBIL--MEAN AND EVIL!
CAN YOU... DO SOMETHING TO HER?
YES, GRANDY!
I CAN MAKE HER... SORRY!
AGGH--! P-PAIN! I CAN'T STAND IT!
THAT'LL TEACH THE SNOOTY BAGGAGE!
YES, GRANDY!
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...AND THIS IS NOW--
YOU SURE YOU WANT TO GO THROUGH WITH THIS, PRETTY BIRD?
I MEAN, THIS JOINT DOESN'T LOOK EXACTLY EXCITING!
I GUESS I CAN'T MAKE YOU UNDERSTAND... THESE PAST FEW MONTHS I'VE FELT SO USELESS!
I NEED TO DO SOMETHING!-- AND WHAT CAN BE MORE USEFUL THAN WORKING WITH CHILDREN!
MEADOWHILL SCHOOL
HEADMASTER JASON BELMO
I THINK DINAH'S RIGHT! SHE'LL MAKE A FINE TEACHER!...
HEY... IS SOMETHING WRONG, PRETTY BIRD?
YES... TERRIBLY WRONG! I DON'T KNOW WHY... BUT I FEEL WE'RE IN DANGER!
YOUR HUNCHES AREN'T OFTEN WRONG--
AND EVEN IF THIS ONE IS, IT WON'T COST US ANYTHING TO USE MY RING TO SWITCH TO FIGHTING TOGS!
DO YOU HEAR SOMETHING?
LOOK--! THOSE BIRDS...
DIVING STRAIGHT AT US...
--WITH BLOOD IN THEIR EYES--!
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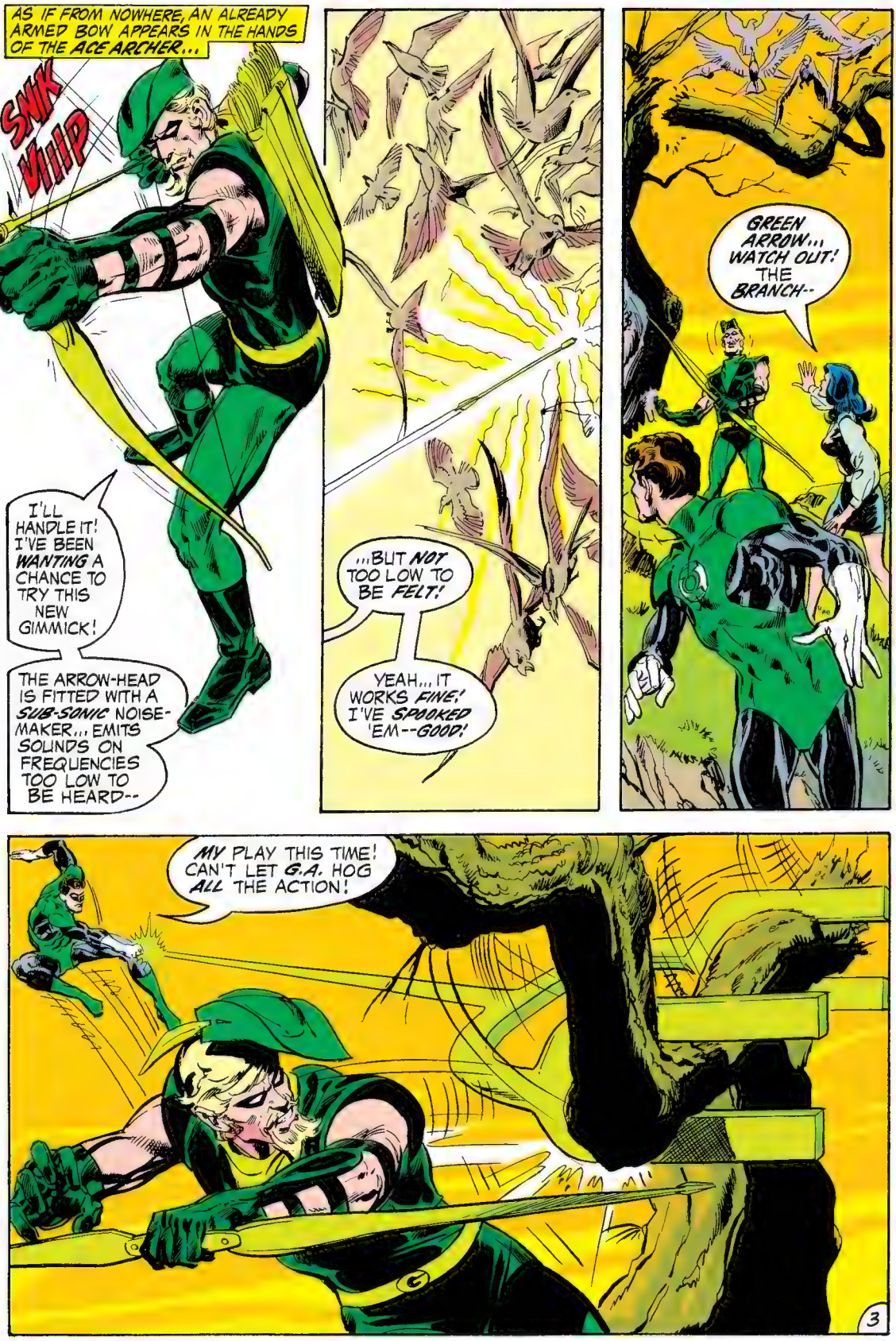
AS IF FROM NOWHERE, AN ALREADY ARMED BOW APPEARS IN THE HANDS OF THE ACE ARCHER...
SNIK
VIIIP
I'LL HANDLE IT! I'VE BEEN WANTING A CHANCE TO TRY THIS NEW GIMMICK!
THE ARROW-HEAD IS FITTED WITH A SUB-SONIC NOISE-MAKER... EMITS SOUNDS ON FREQUENCIES TOO LOW TO BE HEARD--
...BUT NOT TOO LOW TO BE FELT!
YEAH... IT WORKS FINE! I'VE SPOOKED 'EM--GOOD!
GREEN ARROW... WATCH OUT! THE BRANCH--
MY PLAY THIS TIME! CAN'T LET G.A. HOG ALL THE ACTION!
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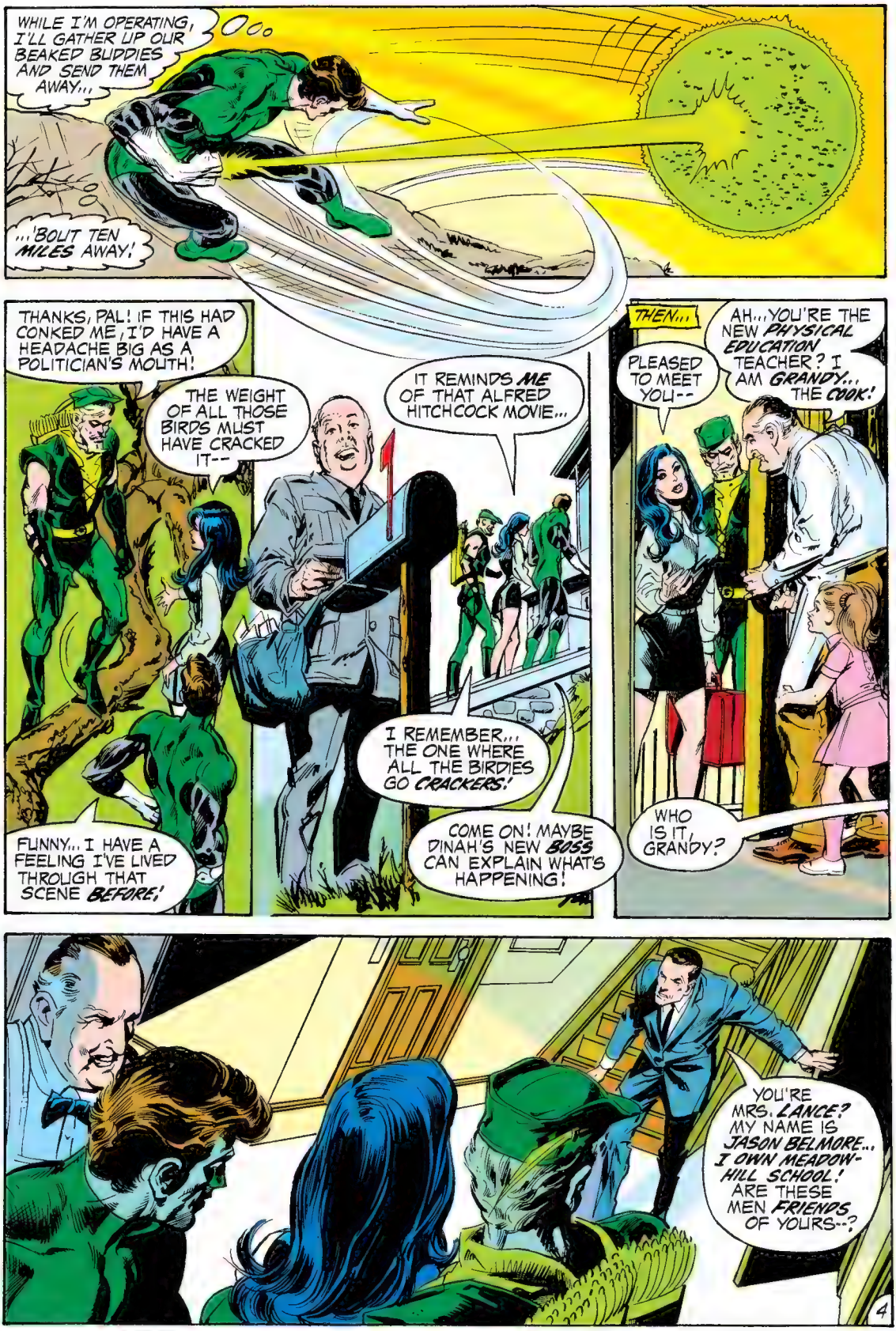
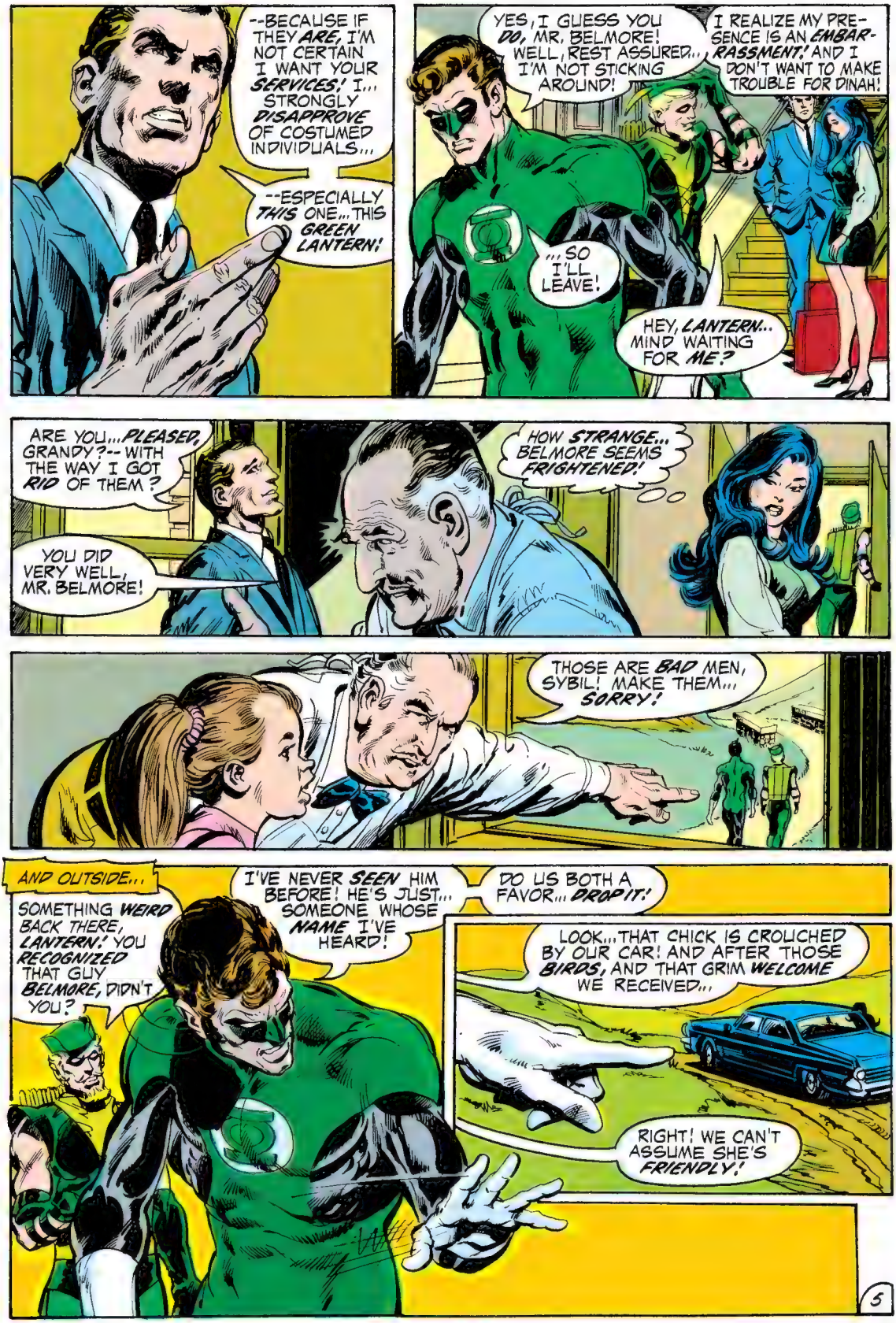

WHILE I'M OPERATING, I'LL GATHER UP OUR BEAKED BUDDIES AND SEND THEM AWAY...
...'BOUT TEN MILES AWAY!
THANKS, PAL! IF THIS HAD CONKED ME, I'D HAVE A HEADACHE BIG AS A POLITICIAN'S MOUTH!
THE WEIGHT OF ALL THOSE BIRDS MUST HAVE CRACKED IT--
IT REMINDS ME OF THAT ALFRED HITCHCOCK MOVIE...
I REMEMBER... THE ONE WHERE ALL THE BIRDIES GO CRACKERS!
COME ON! MAYBE DINAH'S NEW BOSS CAN EXPLAIN WHAT'S HAPPENING!
FUNNY... I HAVE A FEELING I'VE LIVED THROUGH THAT SCENE BEFORE!
THEN...
AH... YOU'RE THE NEW PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER? I AM GRANDY... THE COOK!
PLEASED TO MEET YOU--
WHO IS IT, GRANDY?
YOU'RE MRS. LANCE? MY NAME IS JASON BELMORE... I OWN MEADOW-HILL SCHOOL! ARE THESE MEN FRIENDS OF YOURS--?


--BECAUSE IF THEY ARE, I'M NOT CERTAIN I WANT YOUR SERVICES! I... STRONGLY DISAPPROVE OF COSTUMED INDIVIDUALS...
--ESPECIALLY THIS ONE... THIS GREEN LANTERN!
YES, I GUESS YOU DO, MR. BELMORE! WELL, REST ASSURED... I'M NOT STICKING AROUND!
I REALIZE MY PRESENCE IS AN EMBARRASSMENT! AND I DON'T WANT TO MAKE TROUBLE FOR DINAH!
...SO I'LL LEAVE!
HEY, LANTERN... MIND WAITING FOR ME?
ARE YOU... PLEASED, GRANDY?-- WITH THE WAY I GOT RID OF THEM?
YOU DID VERY WELL, MR. BELMORE!
HOW STRANGE... BELMORE SEEMS FRIGHTENED!
THOSE ARE BAD MEN, SYBIL! MAKE THEM... SORRY!
AND OUTSIDE...
SOMETHING WEIRD BACK THERE, LANTERN! YOU RECOGNIZED THAT GUY BELMORE, DIDN'T YOU?
I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE! HE'S JUST... SOMEONE WHOSE NAME I'VE HEARD!
DO US BOTH A FAVOR... DROP IT!
LOOK... THAT CHICK IS CROUCHED BY OUR CAR! AND AFTER THOSE BIRDS, AND THAT GRIM WELCOME WE RECEIVED...
RIGHT! WE CAN'T ASSUME SHE'S FRIENDLY!

SWIFTLY, STEATHILY, THE PAIR APPROACHES THE HALF-HIDDEN WOMAN...
SUDDENLY, GREEN LANTERN GLIMPSES HER FACE--AND HE FEELS REMORSE AND REGRET AND A TERRIBLE, NAMELESS ACHE WELL UP WITHIN HIM...
WORDS ROLL IN HIS THROAT...AND AFTER A LONG MOMENT, HE FINDS HIS VOICE, AND SPEAKS HOARSELY...
IS IT REALLY YOU--? CAROL FERRIS?
HELLO, GREEN LANTERN! IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, HASN'T IT?
CAROL...WHAT HAPPENED? I MEAN...
ABOUT FOUR WEEKS AGO, I HAD A...SEIZURE...THE PAIN WAS HIDEOUS! AND I COULDN'T WALK ANYMORE...
I'VE SEEN THE FINEST SPECIALISTS IN THE WORLD! THEY'RE ALL BAFFLED!
NEVER MIND MY PROBLEMS! THERE'S SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT TO TALK ABOUT!
MY FIANCÉ--JASON BELMORE--IS IN TROUBLE! EVER SINCE HE TOOK OVER THE SCHOOL, HE'S BEEN... CHANGED!
YOU MEAN, WHY AM I CRIPPLED?
PUT ME IN YOUR CAR...TAKE ME AWAY FROM HERE...I'LL TELL YOU ON THE WAY!
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HE LIVES IN CONSTANT TERROR--! AND I CAN'T SEE WHAT'S SCARING HIM!
WHOA--! THIS CAR'S SHAKING LIKE A DERVISH!
--IT'S--
--FALLING--
--APART--!
BAIL OUT... QUICK!
LANTERN, I HOPE YOU REMEMBERED TO CHARGE YOUR RING--
--CAUSE I NEVER DID LEARN HOW TO WALK ON AIR!
DON'T SWEAT IT, FRIEND!
THIS HACKS IT, MAN! KILL-CRAZY BIRDS... DISINTEGRATING WHEELS! THE WHOLE BLASTED COUNTRYSIDE REEKS OF EVIL!
WE LEFT DINAH IN A MESS...
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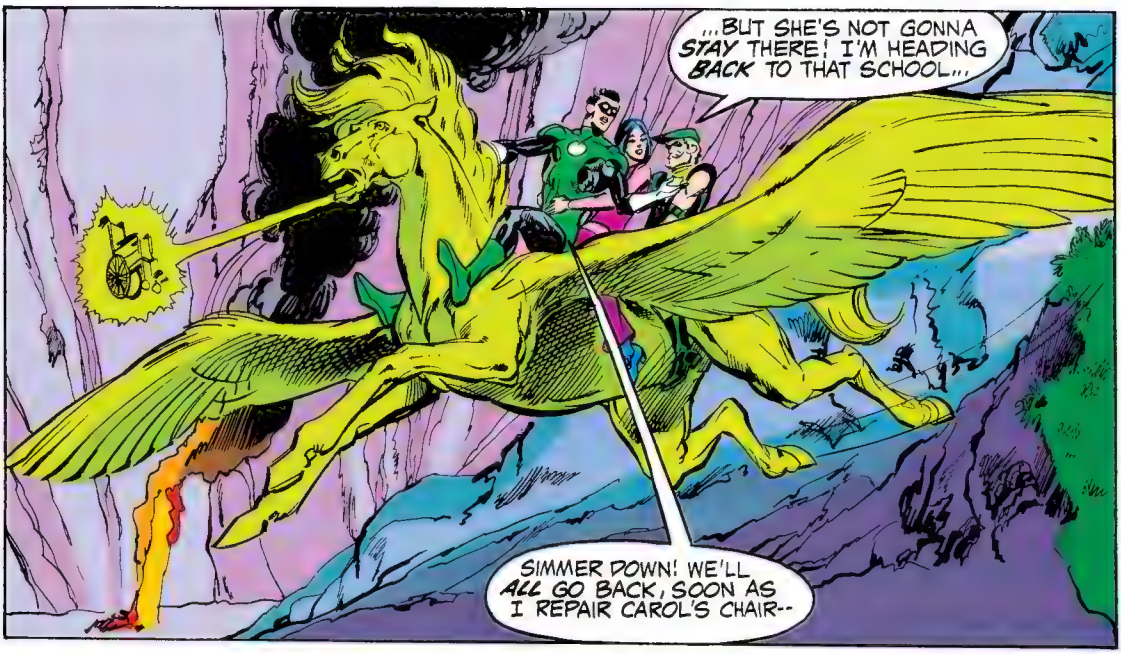
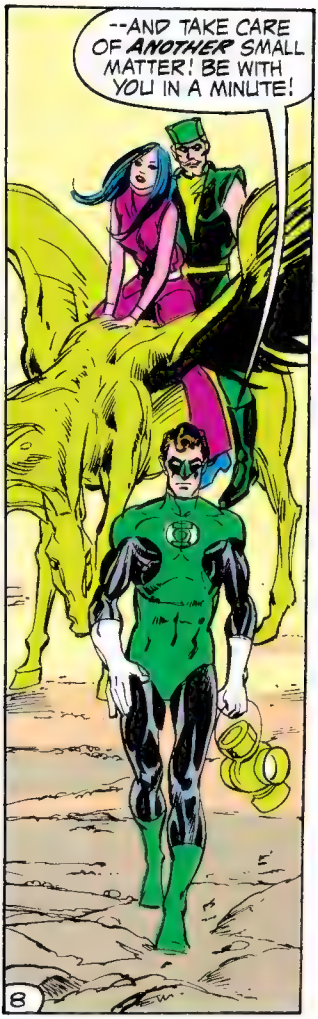
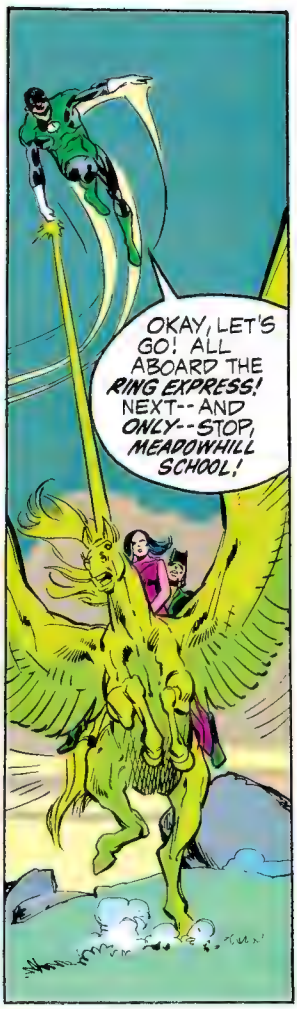
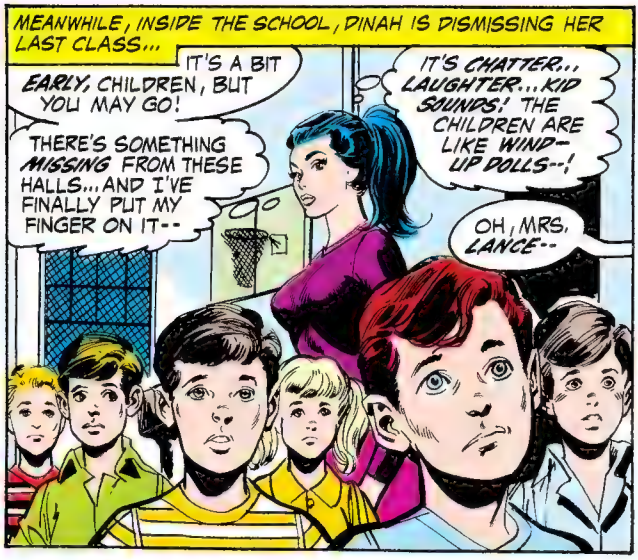

...BUT SHE'S NOT GONNA STAY THERE! I'M HEADING BACK TO THAT SCHOOL...
SIMMER DOWN! WE'LL ALL GO BACK, SOON AS I REPAIR CAROL'S CHAIR--

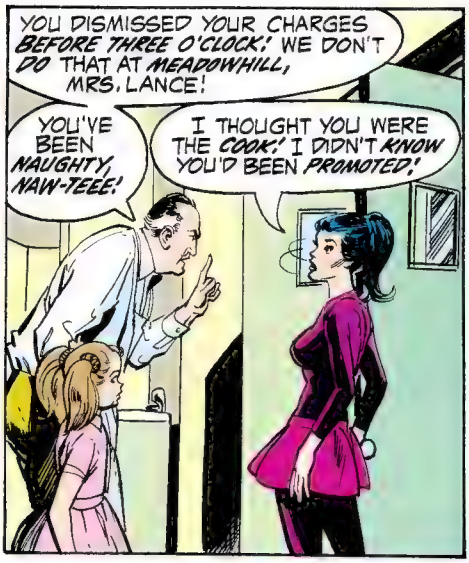

--AND TAKE CARE OF ANOTHER SMALL MATTER! BE WITH YOU IN A MINUTE!

HERE, IN A LONELY CANYON BENEATH A SLATE-GREY SKY, THE GREEN LANTERN REPEATS HIS FAMILIAR, SACRED RITUAL--
IN BRIGHTEST DAY, IN BLACKEST NIGHT, NO EVIL SHALL ESCAPE MY SIGHT! LET THOSE WHO WORSHIP EVIL'S MIGHT, BEWARE MY POWER--
GREEN LANTERN'S LIGHT!


OKAY, LET'S GO! ALL ABOARD THE RING EXPRESS! NEXT--AND ONLY--STOP, MEADOWHILL SCHOOL!

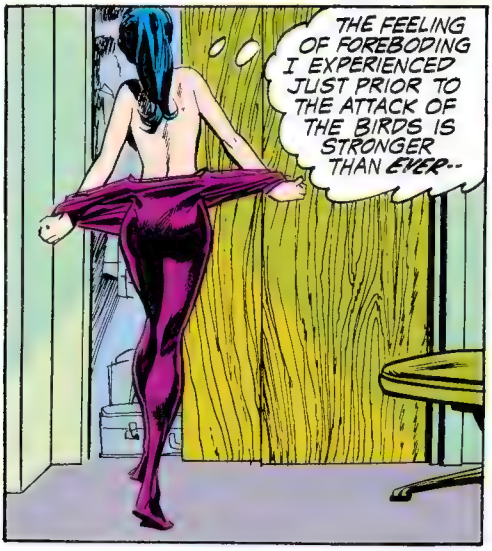
SWELL--THAT'S JUST WHAT WE NEED!--A DOWNPOUR!
WE CAN TAKE COVER IN THAT ABANDONED BARN!
CAN...
...BUT WHY BOTHER? USE YOUR RING TO CREATE A SHELTER!
I DON'T DARE! I MAY NEED THE ENERGY LATER--WHEN WE COME TO GRIPS WITH OUR UNSEEN MENACE!
I ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU HAD UNLIMITED ENERGY... OR IF YOU DIDN'T, YOU COULD GET MORE FROM THE GUARDIANS!
THOSE DAYS ARE GONE... GONE FOREVER--THE DAYS I WAS CONFIDENT, CERTAIN... PROUD TO BE A SERVANT OF THE GUARDIANS!
I WAS SO YOUNG... SO SURE I COULDN'T MAKE A MISTAKE! YOUNG AND COCKY, THAT WAS GREEN LANTERN--
WELL, CAROL, I'VE CHANGED! I'M OLDER NOW... MAYBE WISER, TOO--
YEAH, MAYBE WISER... AND A LOT LESS HAPPY--!

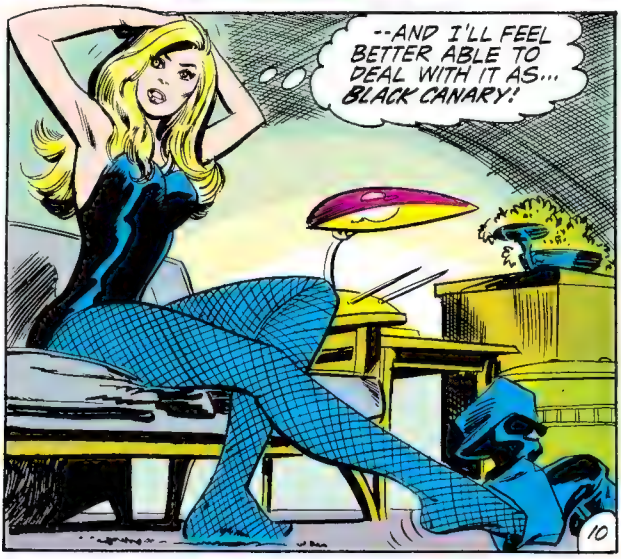

MEANWHILE, INSIDE THE SCHOOL, DINAH IS DISMISSING HER LAST CLASS...
IT'S A BIT EARLY, CHILDREN, BUT YOU MAY GO!
THERE'S SOMETHING MISSING FROM THESE HALLS... AND I'VE FINALLY PUT MY FINGER ON IT--
IT'S CHATTER... LAUGHTER... KID SOUNDS! THE CHILDREN ARE LIKE WIND-UP DOLLS--!
OH, MRS. LANCE--

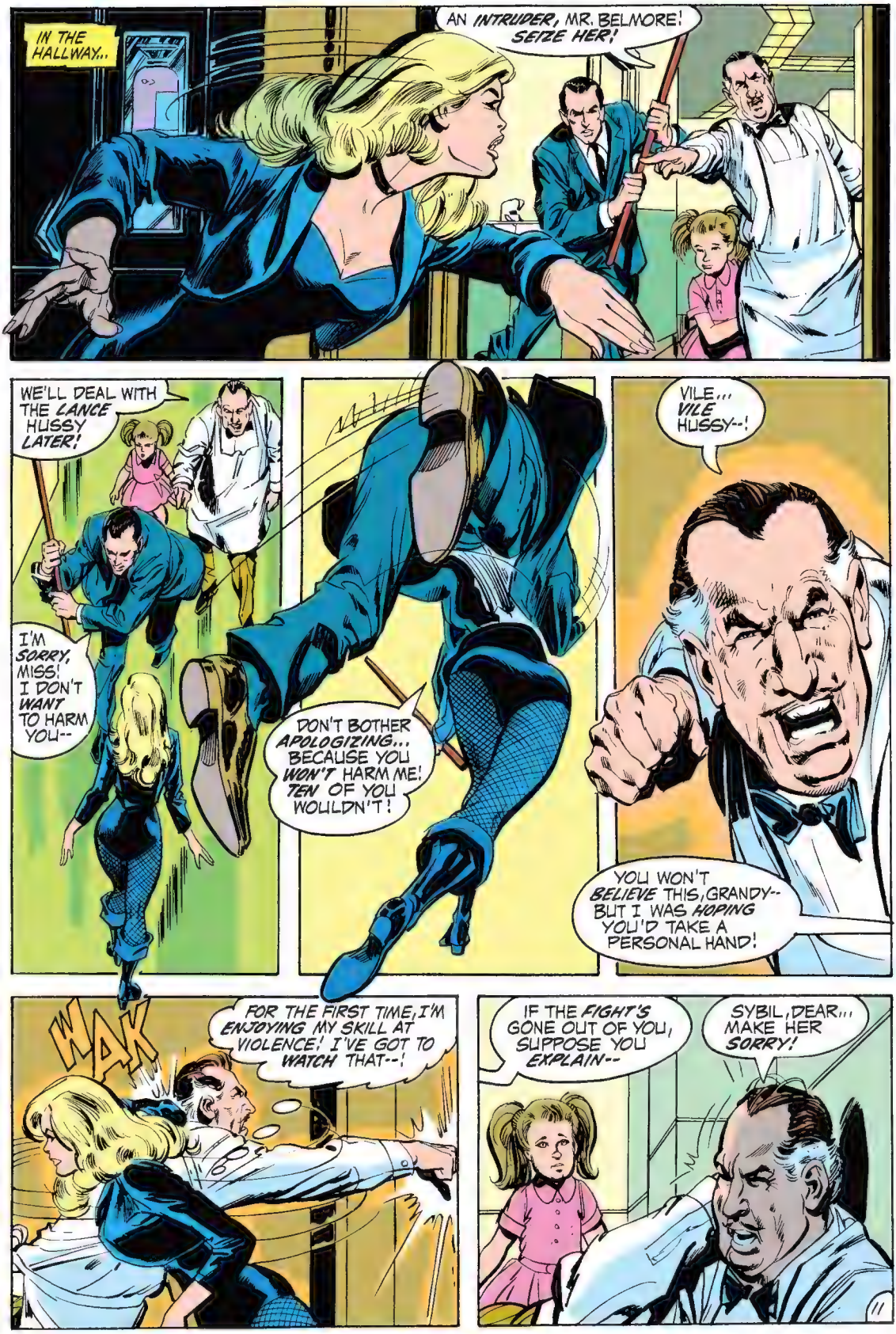

YOU DISMISSED YOUR CHARGES BEFORE THREE O'CLOCK! WE DON'T DO THAT AT MEADOWHILL, MRS. LANCE!
YOU'VE BEEN NAUGHTY, NAW-TEEE!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE THE COOK! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU'D BEEN PROMOTED!

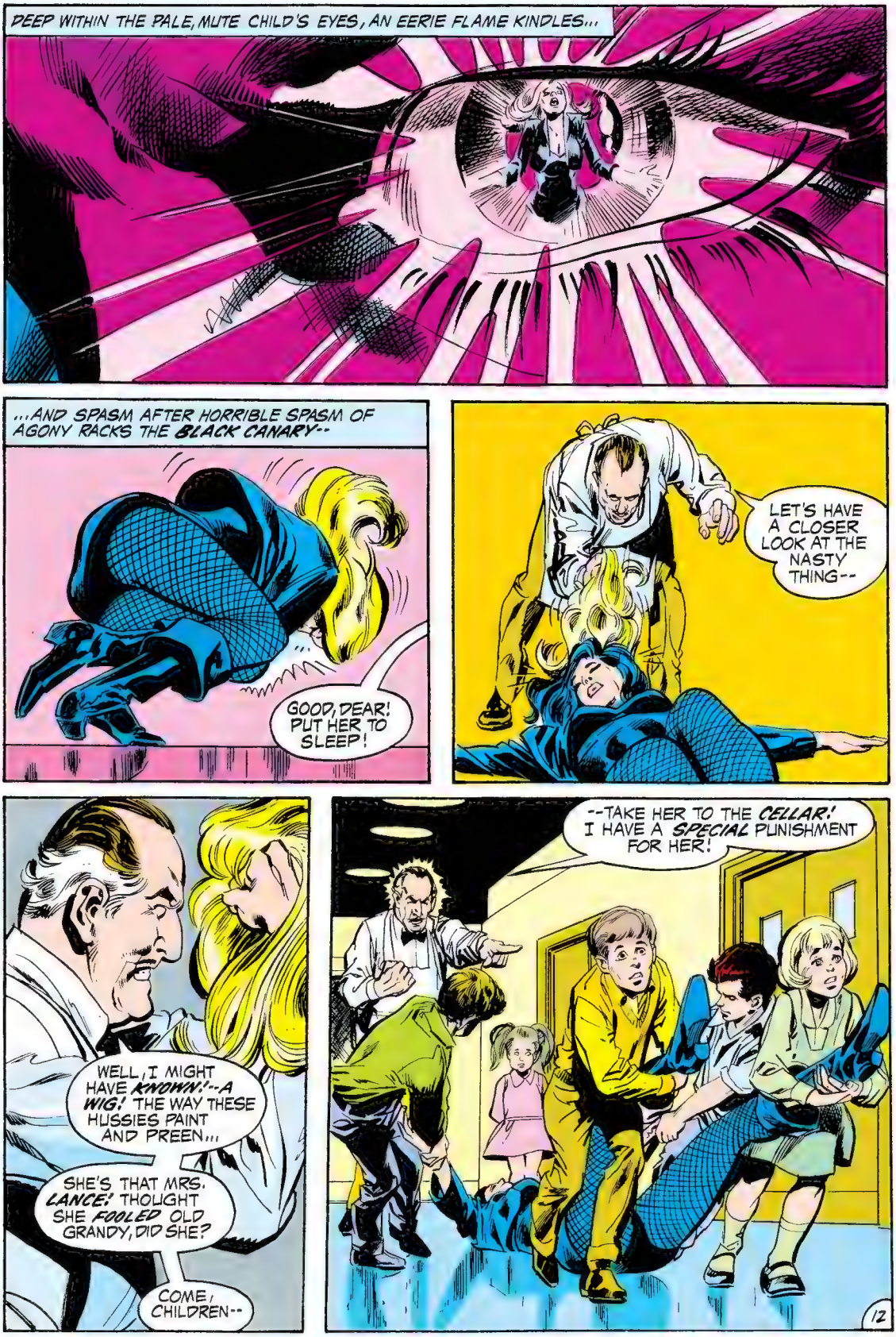
I'M MORE THAN A KITCHEN PERSON, MRS. LANCE... VERY MUCH MORE--AS YOU'LL LEARN!
DON'T MAKE ANY PLANS FOR TONIGHT! YOU SEE, WE'LL HAVE TO PUNISH YOU!
TA-TA, DEARIE!

THAT MAN GIVES ME THE INSTANT CREEPIES! AND HE SOUNDED LIKE HE MEANT TO REALLY PUNISH ME--


THE FEELING OF FOREBODING I EXPERIENCED JUST PRIOR TO THE ATTACK OF THE BIRDS IS STRONGER THAN EVER--


--AND I'LL FEEL BETTER ABLE TO DEAL WITH IT AS... BLACK CANARY!


IN THE HALLWAY...
AN INTRUDER, MR. BELMORE! SEIZE HER!
WE'LL DEAL WITH THE LANCE HUSSY LATER!
I'M SORRY, MISS! I DON'T WANT TO HARM YOU--
DON'T BOTHER APOLOGIZING... BECAUSE YOU WON'T HARM ME! TEN OF YOU WOULDN'T!
VILE... VILE HUSSY--!
YOU WON'T BELIEVE THIS, GRANDY-- BUT I WAS HOPING YOU'D TAKE A PERSONAL HAND!
WAK
FOR THE FIRST TIME, I'M ENJOYING MY SKILL AT VIOLENCE! I'VE GOT TO WATCH THAT--!
IF THE FIGHT'S GONE OUT OF YOU, SUPPOSE YOU EXPLAIN--
SYBIL, DEAR... MAKE HER SORRY!


DEEP WITHIN THE PALE, MUTE CHILD'S EYES, AN EERIE FLAME KINDLES...
...AND SPASM AFTER HORRIBLE SPASM OF AGONY RACKS THE BLACK CANARY--
GOOD, DEAR! PUT HER TO SLEEP!
LET'S HAVE A CLOSER LOOK AT THE NASTY THING--
WELL, I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN!--A WIG! THE WAY THESE HUSSIES PAINT AND PREEN...
SHE'S THAT MRS. LANCE! THOUGHT SHE FOOLED OLD GRANDY, DID SHE?
COME, CHILDREN--
--TAKE HER TO THE CELLAR! I HAVE A SPECIAL PUNISHMENT FOR HER!
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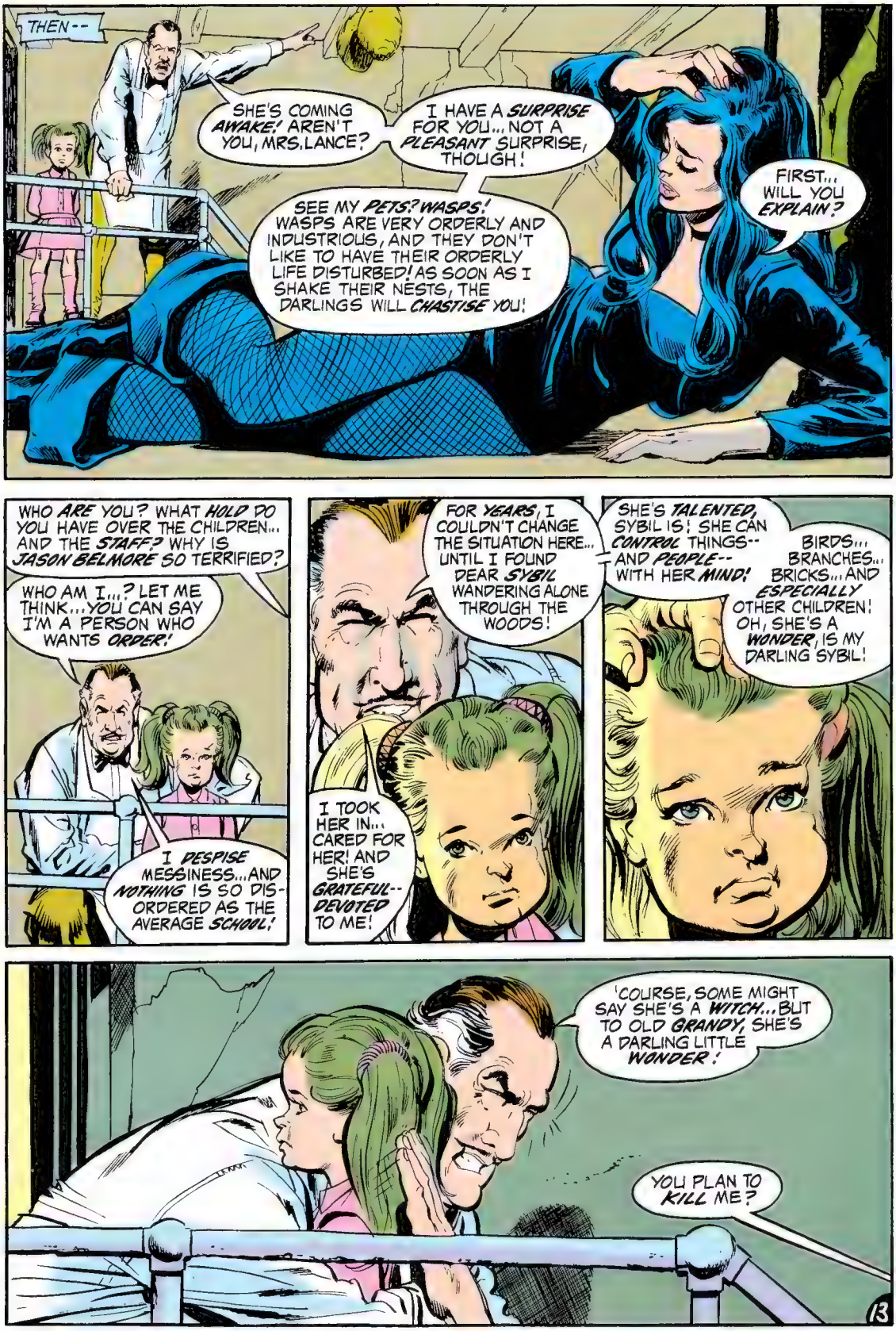
THEN--
SHE'S COMING AWAKE! AREN'T YOU, MRS. LANCE?
I HAVE A SURPRISE FOR YOU... NOT A PLEASANT SURPRISE, THOUGH!
SEE MY PETS? WASPS! WASPS ARE VERY ORDERLY AND INDUSTRIOUS, AND THEY DON'T LIKE TO HAVE THEIR ORDERLY LIFE DISTURBED! AS SOON AS I SHAKE THEIR NESTS, THE DARLINGS WILL CHASTISE YOU!
FIRST... WILL YOU EXPLAIN?
WHO ARE YOU? WHAT HOLD DO YOU HAVE OVER THE CHILDREN... AND THE STAFF? WHY IS JASON BELMORE SO TERRIFIED?
WHO AM I...? LET ME THINK... YOU CAN SAY I'M A PERSON WHO WANTS ORDER!
I DESPISE MESSINESS... AND NOTHING IS SO DISORDERED AS THE AVERAGE SCHOOL!
FOR YEARS, I COULDN'T CHANGE THE SITUATION HERE... UNTIL I FOUND DEAR SYBIL WANDERING ALONE THROUGH THE WOODS!
I TOOK HER IN... CARED FOR HER! AND SHE'S GRATEFUL-- DEVOTED TO ME!
SHE'S TALENTED, SYBIL IS! SHE CAN CONTROL THINGS-- AND PEOPLE-- WITH HER MIND!
BIRDS... BRANCHES... BRICKS... AND ESPECIALLY OTHER CHILDREN! OH, SHE'S A WONDER, IS MY DARLING SYBIL!
'COURSE, SOME MIGHT SAY SHE'S A WITCH... BUT TO OLD GRANDY, SHE'S A DARLING LITTLE WONDER!
YOU PLAN TO KILL ME?
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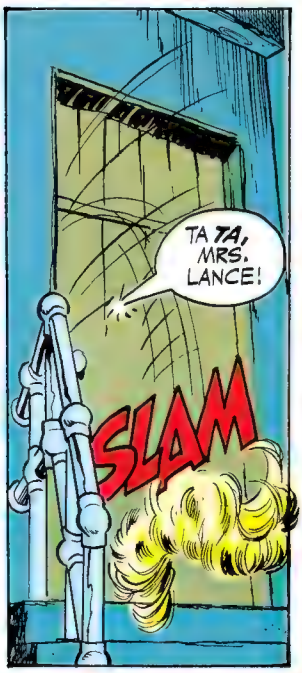
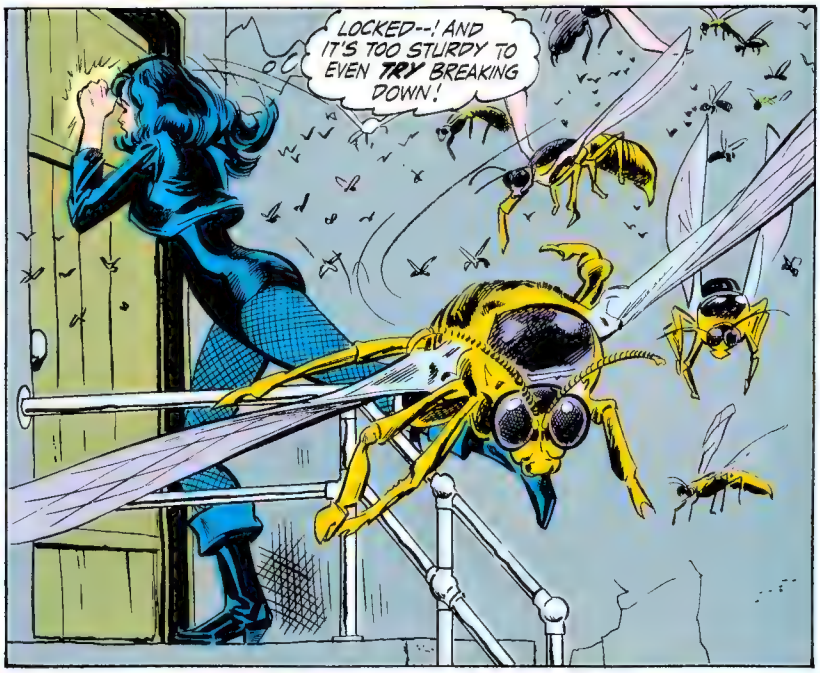
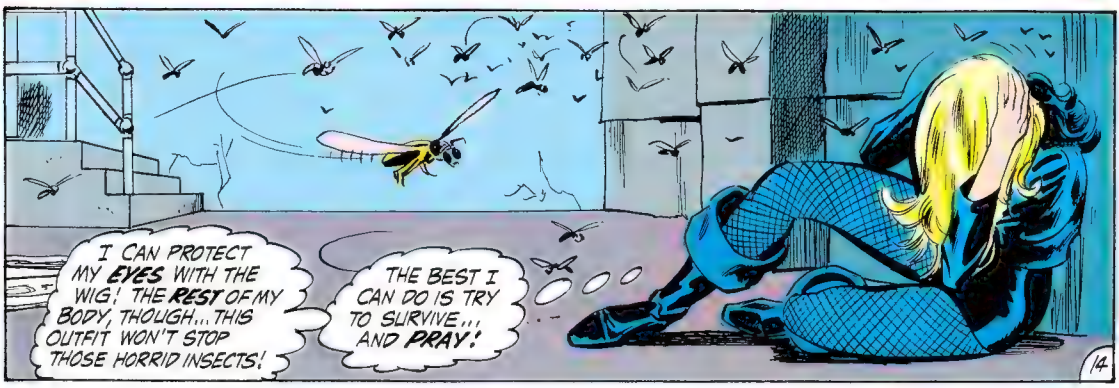
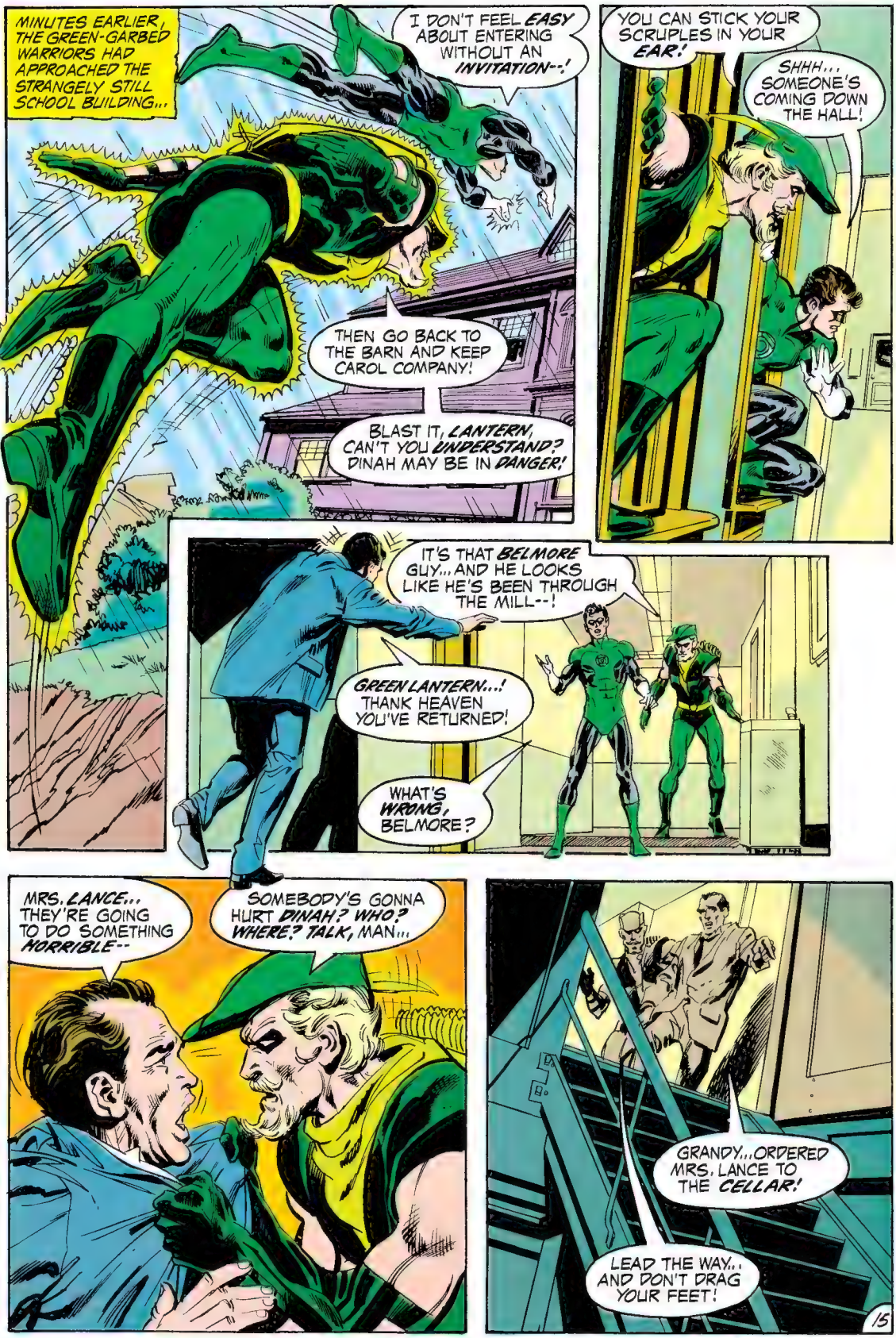
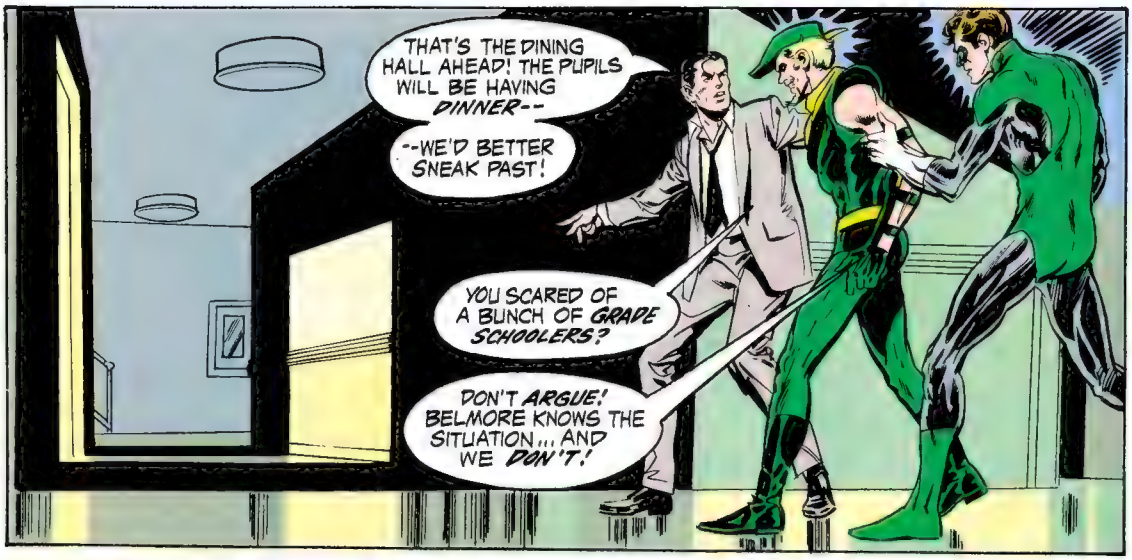
OLD GRANDY DOESN'T KILL... I SIMPLY DO MY DUTY-- PUNISH THOSE WHO CAN'T RESPECT ORDER!
YOU MAY DIE... BUT THAT WON'T BE MY FAULT!


TA TA, MRS. LANCE!
SLAM

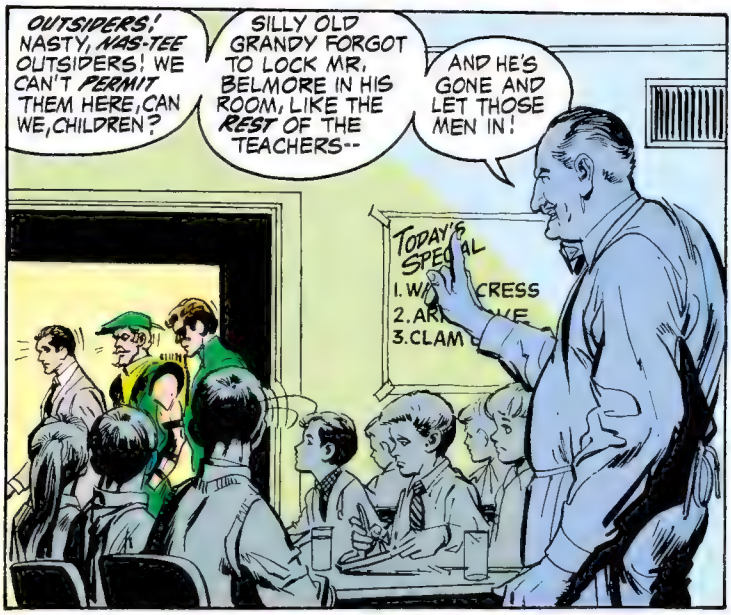

LOCKED--! AND IT'S TOO STURDY TO EVEN TRY BREAKING DOWN!

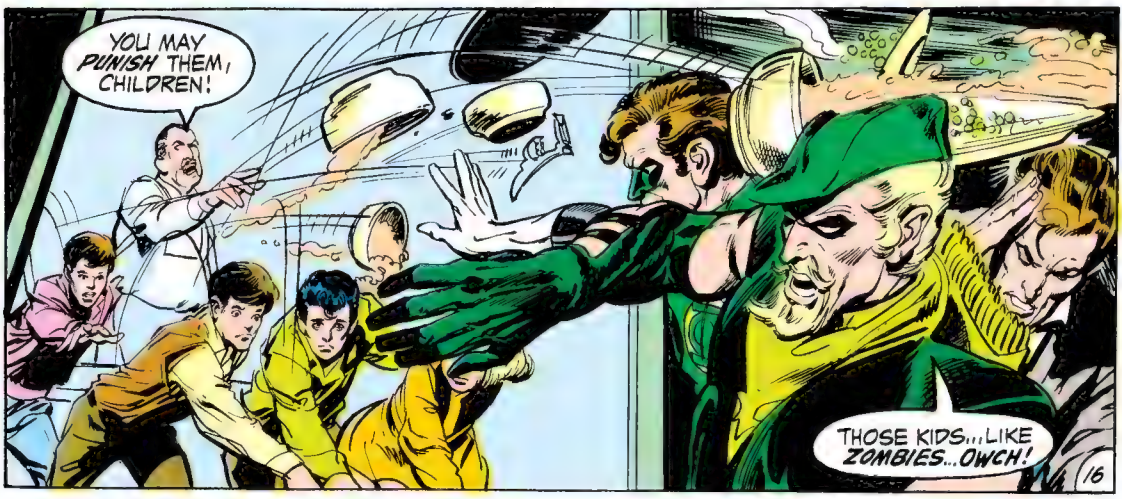

I CAN PROTECT MY EYES WITH THE WIG! THE REST OF MY BODY, THOUGH... THIS OUTFIT WON'T STOP THOSE HORRID INSECTS!
THE BEST I CAN DO IS TRY TO SURVIVE... AND PRAY!

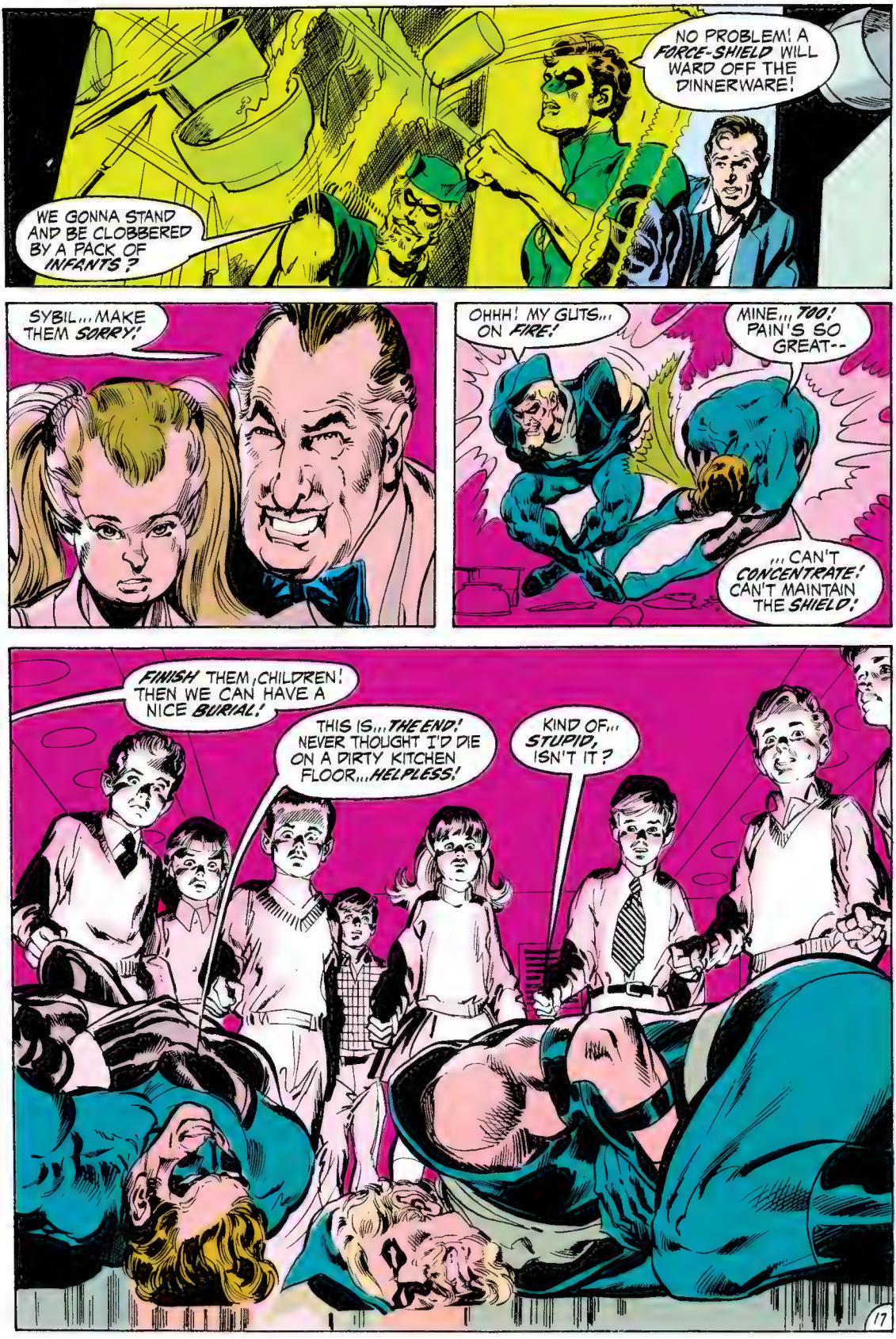

MINUTES EARLIER, THE GREEN-GARBED WARRIORS HAD APPROACHED THE STRANGELY STILL SCHOOL BUILDING...
I DON'T FEEL EASY ABOUT ENTERING WITHOUT AN INVITATION--!
THEN GO BACK TO THE BARN AND KEEP CAROL COMPANY!
BLAST IT, LANTERN, CAN'T YOU UNDERSTAND? DINAH MAY BE IN DANGER!
YOU CAN STICK YOUR SCRUPLES IN YOUR EAR!
SHHH... SOMEONE'S COMING DOWN THE HALL!
IT'S THAT BELMORE GUY... AND HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S BEEN THROUGH THE MILL--!
GREEN LANTERN...! THANK HEAVEN YOU'VE RETURNED!
WHAT'S WRONG, BELMORE?
MRS. LANCE... THEY'RE GOING TO DO SOMETHING HORRIBLE--
SOMEBODY'S GONNA HURT DINAH? WHO? WHERE? TALK, MAN...
GRANDY... ORDERED MRS. LANCE TO THE CELLAR!
LEAD THE WAY... AND DON'T DRAG YOUR FEET!

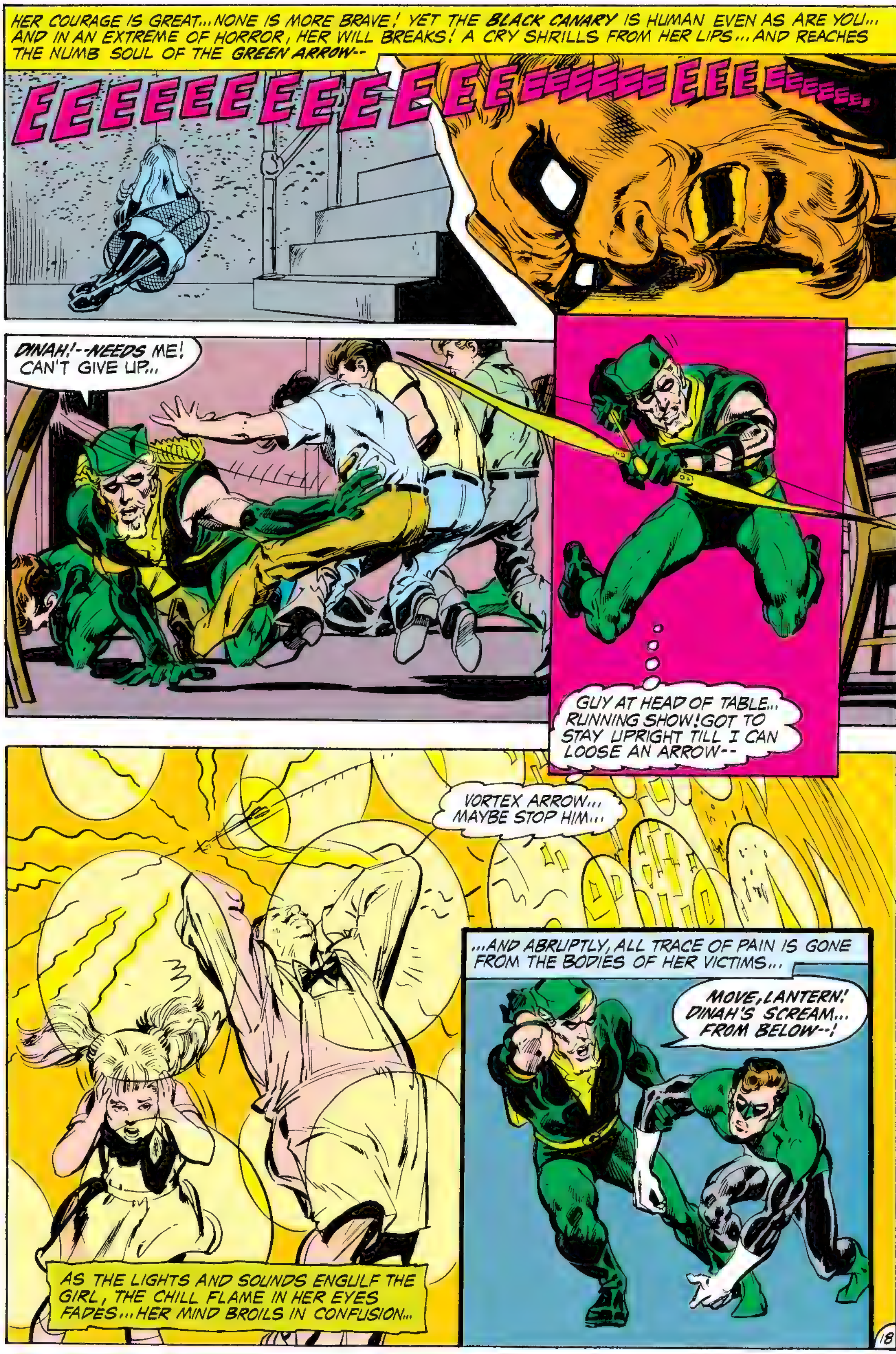

THAT'S THE DINING HALL AHEAD! THE PUPILS WILL BE HAVING DINNER--
--WE'D BETTER SNEAK PAST!
YOU SCARED OF A BUNCH OF GRADE SCHOOLERS?
DON'T ARGUE! BELMORE KNOWS THE SITUATION... AND WE DON'T!

HOWEVER, THE SCHOOLMASTER'S SHOE STEPS HEAVILY ON A LOOSE BOARD, AND--
K-REEEK

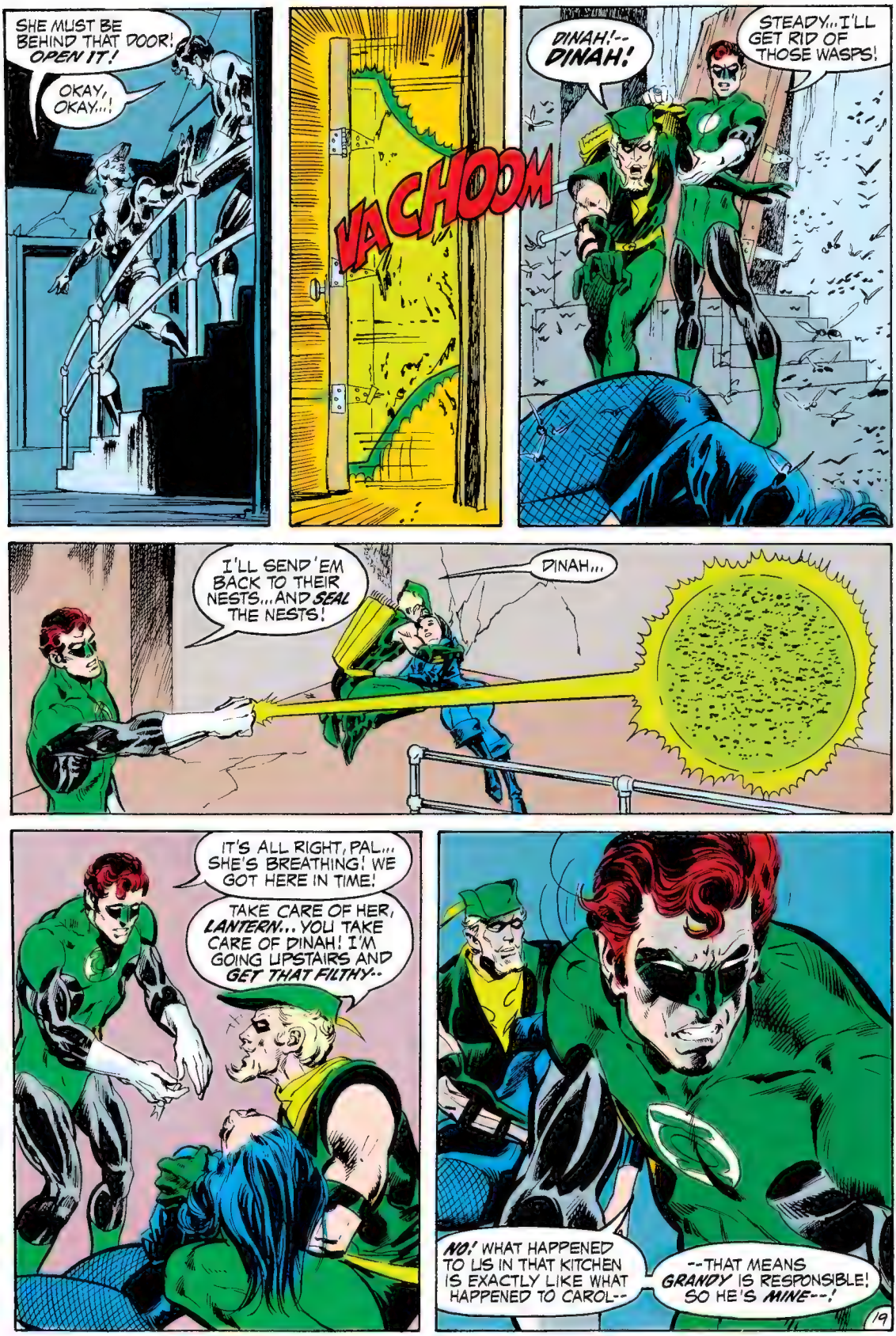

OUTSIDERS! NASTY, NAS-TEE OUTSIDERS! WE CAN'T PERMIT THEM HERE, CAN WE, CHILDREN?
SILLY OLD GRANDY FORGOT TO LOCK MR. BELMORE IN HIS ROOM, LIKE THE REST OF THE TEACHERS--
AND HE'S GONE AND LET THOSE MEN IN!
TODAY'S SPE AL
1. W CRESS
2. AR E
3. CLAM


YOU MAY PUNISH THEM, CHILDREN!
THOSE KIDS... LIKE ZOMBIES... OWCH!


NO PROBLEM! A FORCE-SHIELD WILL WARD OFF THE DINNERWARE!
WE GONNA STAND AND BE CLOBBERED BY A PACK OF INFANTS?
SYBIL... MAKE THEM SORRY!
OHHH! MY GUTS... ON FIRE!
MINE... TOO! PAIN'S SO GREAT--
... CAN'T CONCENTRATE! CAN'T MAINTAIN THE SHIELD!
FINISH THEM, CHILDREN! THEN WE CAN HAVE A NICE BURIAL!
THIS IS... THE END! NEVER THOUGHT I'D DIE ON A DIRTY KITCHEN FLOOR... HELPLESS!
KIND OF... STUPID, ISN'T IT?



HER COURAGE IS GREAT... NONE IS MORE BRAVE! YET THE BLACK CANARY IS HUMAN EVEN AS ARE YOU... AND IN AN EXTREME OF HORROR, HER WILL BREAKS! A CRY SHRILLS FROM HER LIPS... AND REACHES THE NUMB SOUL OF THE GREEN ARROW--
EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE...
DINAH!--NEEDS ME! CAN'T GIVE UP...
GUY AT HEAD OF TABLE... RUNNING SHOW! GOT TO STAY UPRIGHT TILL I CAN LOOSE AN ARROW--
VORTEX ARROW... MAYBE STOP HIM...
AS THE LIGHTS AND SOUNDS ENGULF THE GIRL, THE CHILL FLAME IN HER EYES FADES... HER MIND BROILS IN CONFUSION...
...AND ABRUPTLY, ALL TRACE OF PAIN IS GONE FROM THE BODIES OF HER VICTIMS...
MOVE, LANTERN! DINAH'S SCREAM... FROM BELOW--!


SHE MUST BE BEHIND THAT DOOR! OPEN IT!
OKAY, OKAY...!
VACHOOM
DINAH!-- DINAH!
STEADY...I'LL GET RID OF THOSE WASPS!
I'LL SEND 'EM BACK TO THEIR NESTS...AND SEAL THE NESTS!
DINAH...
IT'S ALL RIGHT, PAL... SHE'S BREATHING! WE GOT HERE IN TIME!
TAKE CARE OF HER, LANTERN... YOU TAKE CARE OF DINAH! I'M GOING UPSTAIRS AND GET THAT FILTHY--
NO! WHAT HAPPENED TO US IN THAT KITCHEN IS EXACTLY LIKE WHAT HAPPENED TO CAROL--
--THAT MEANS GRANDY IS RESPONSIBLE! SO HE'S MINE--!
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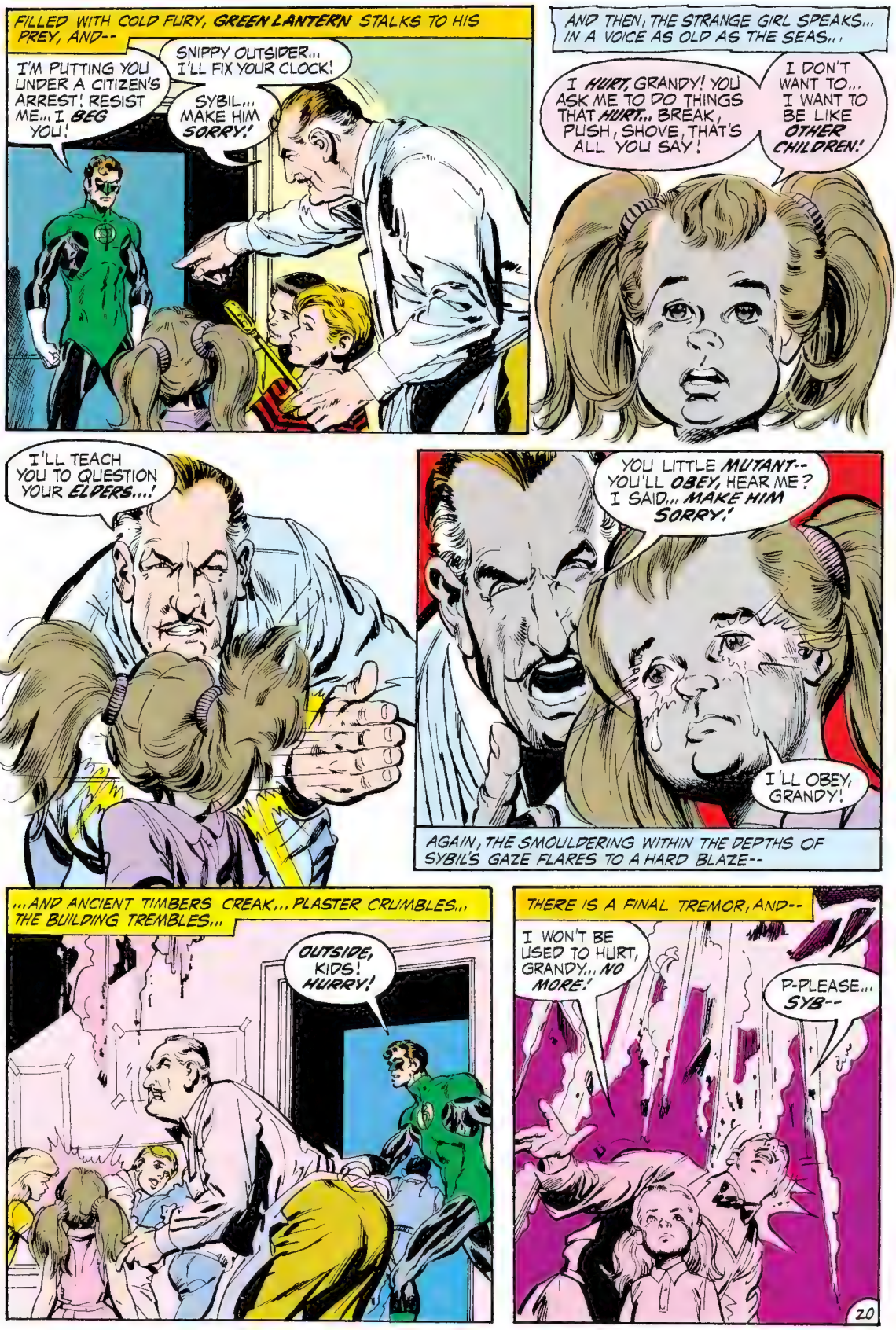
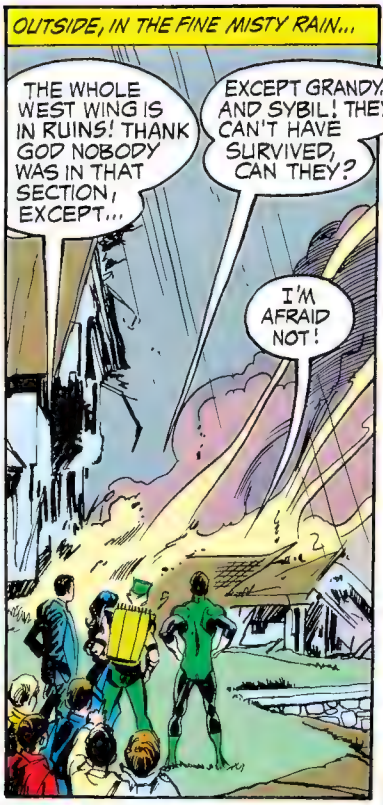
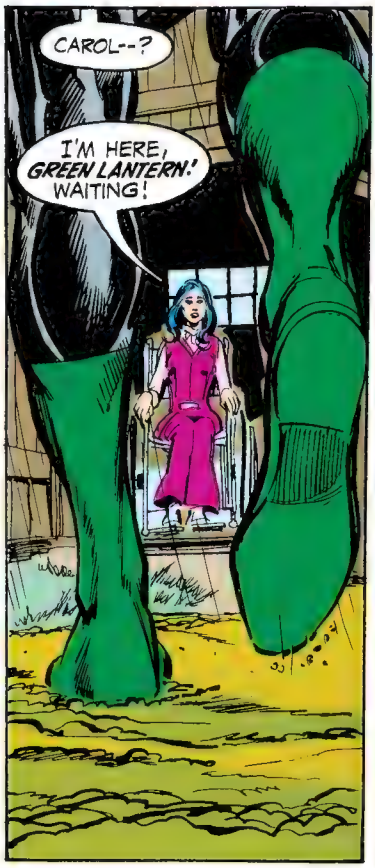

FILLED WITH COLD FURY, GREEN LANTERN STALKS TO HIS PREY, AND--
I'M PUTTING YOU UNDER A CITIZEN'S ARREST! RESIST ME... I BEG YOU!
SNIPPY OUTSIDER... I'LL FIX YOUR CLOCK!
SYBIL... MAKE HIM SORRY!
AND THEN, THE STRANGE GIRL SPEAKS... IN A VOICE AS OLD AS THE SEAS...
I HURT, GRANDY! YOU ASK ME TO DO THINGS THAT HURT... BREAK, PUSH, SHOVE, THAT'S ALL YOU SAY!
I DON'T WANT TO... I WANT TO BE LIKE OTHER CHILDREN!
I'LL TEACH YOU TO QUESTION YOUR ELDERS...!
YOU LITTLE MUTANT-- YOU'LL OBEY, HEAR ME? I SAID... MAKE HIM SORRY!
I'LL OBEY, GRANDY!
AGAIN, THE SMOULDERING WITHIN THE DEPTHS OF SYBIL'S GAZE FLARES TO A HARD BLAZE--
...AND ANCIENT TIMBERS CREAK... PLASTER CRUMBLES... THE BUILDING TREMBLES...
OUTSIDE, KIDS! HURRY!
THERE IS A FINAL TREMOR, AND--
I WON'T BE USED TO HURT, GRANDY... NO MORE!
P-PLEASE... SYB--

A SHATTERING...A RENDING... AND THEN SILENCE...


OUTSIDE, IN THE FINE MISTY RAIN...
THE WHOLE WEST WING IS IN RUINS! THANK GOD NOBODY WAS IN THAT SECTION, EXCEPT...
EXCEPT GRANDY... AND SYBIL! THEY CAN'T HAVE SURVIVED, CAN THEY?
I'M AFRAID NOT!

WE CAN USE MY CAR TO TAKE MRS. LANCE TO A HOSPITAL!
GOOD...I'M A BIT SHAKEN... I JUST HAVE ENOUGH RING-CONTROL TO EASE HER PAIN TILL SHE GETS THERE!
LANTERN, TELL ME...

COULD YOU HAVE SAVED THEM--GRANDY AND SYBIL?
I'LL LIVE WITH THAT QUESTION FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE! NOW... EXCUSE ME...


CAROL--?
I'M HERE, GREEN LANTERN! WAITING!

I'VE GOT A LOT TO SAY AND I'M NOT MUCH GOOD AT SPEACHES, SO PLEASE DON'T INTERRUPT--
WHEN I SAW, A LITTLE WHILE AGO, THE STRENGTH OF GREEN ARROW'S LOVE FOR DINAH, I REALIZED THAT I'VE BEEN DENYING MYSELF THAT SORT OF STRENGTH...
...BECAUSE I WAS PROUD, BECAUSE I INSISTED ON MY OWN TERMS...

...BECAUSE I DEMANDED YOU ACCEPT ME, NOT AS THE DASHING GREEN LANTERN, BUT AS PLAIN... HAL JORDAN!
SOMEHOW, I'M NOT SURPRISED, GREEN... HAL!
I WAS PRETTY PROUD MYSELF! I COULDN'T ADMIT THE MAN I... LOVED-- COULD EVER BE ANYTHING LESS THAN SPLENDID... HEROIC!
BUT... I GUESS I MUST HAVE REALIZED THAT GREEN LANTERN AND HAL WERE THE SAME... WONDERFUL MAN!
CAN YOU FORGIVE RICH, NAUGHTY, SILLY... ME?
WE'VE BOTH BEEN DUMB, CAROL! MAYBE WE BOTH NEEDED HUMBLING!
MISS CAROL FERRIS... I LOVE YOU!
I'M GLAD, HAL!
THE END ?
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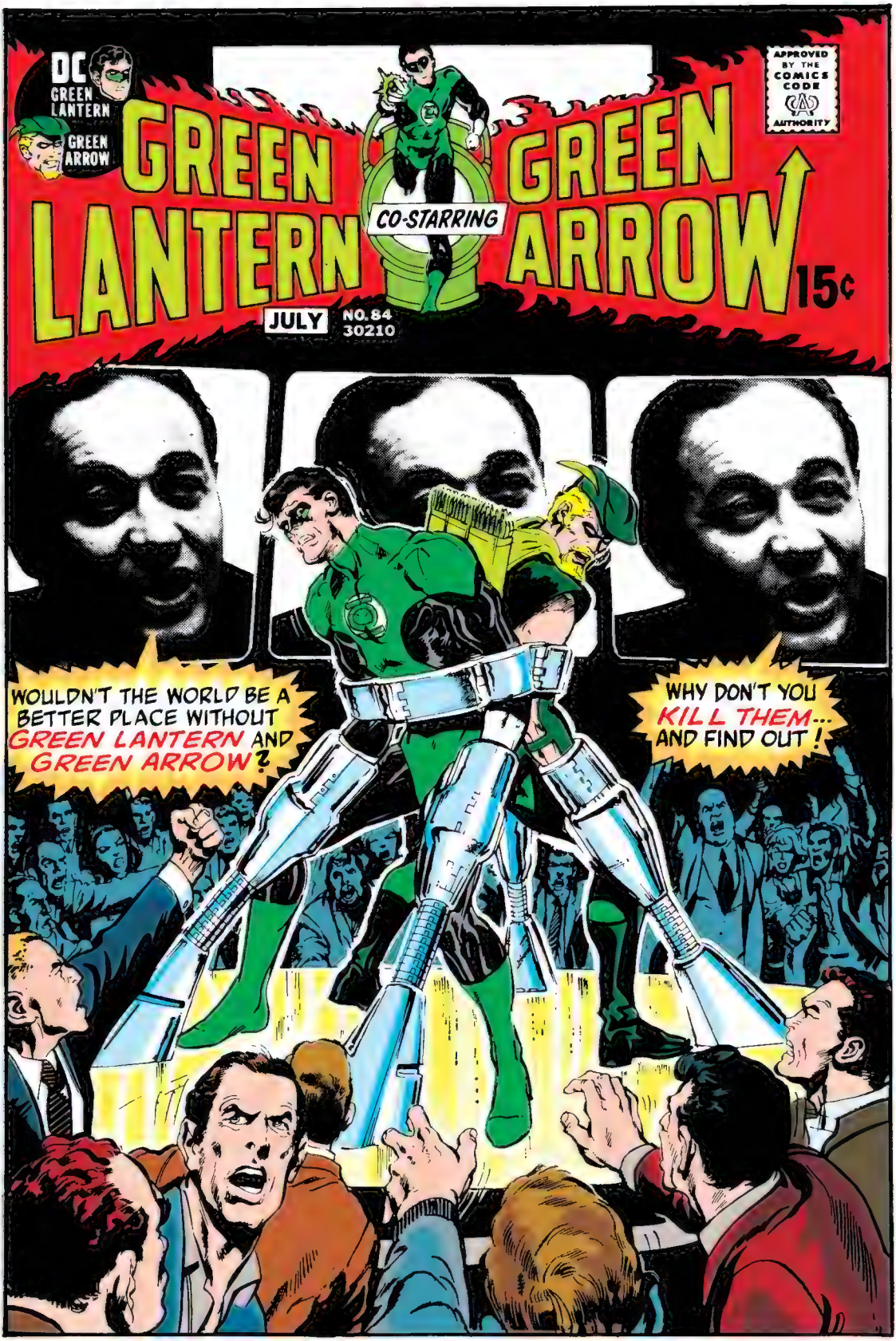
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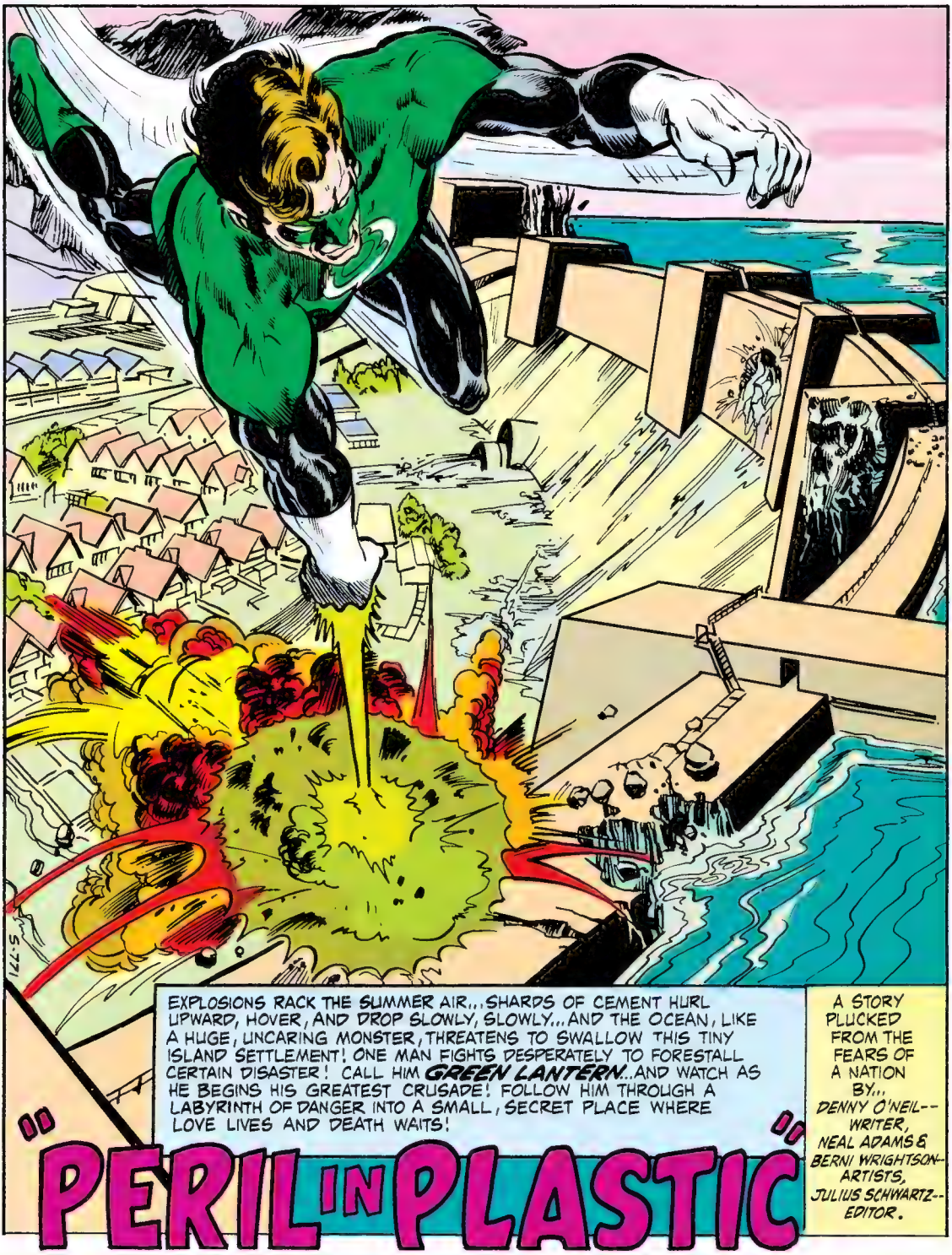
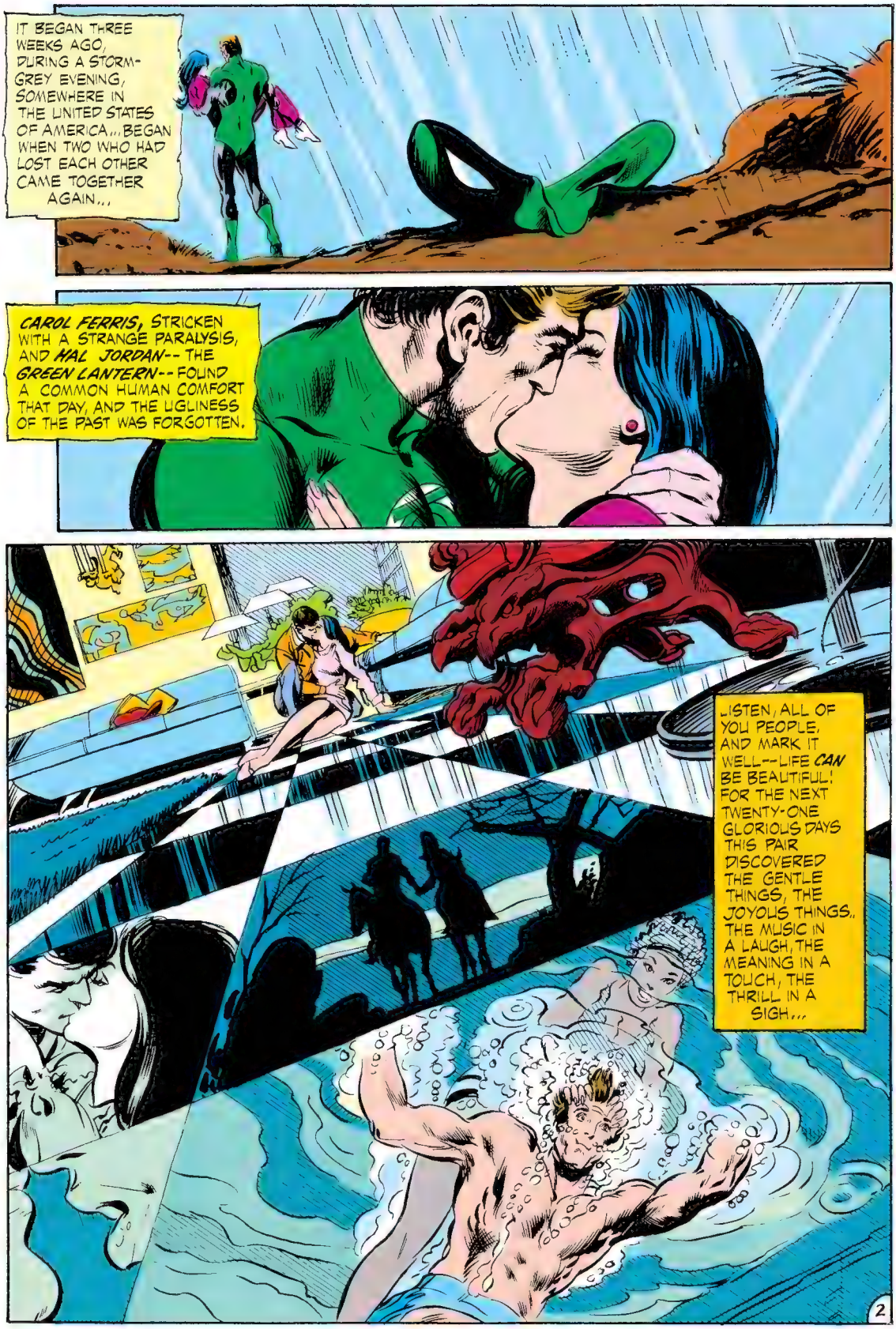
WOULDN'T THE WORLD BE A BETTER PLACE WITHOUT GREEN LANTERN AND GREEN ARROW?
WHY DON'T YOU KILL THEM... AND FIND OUT!



EXPLOSIONS RACK THE SUMMER AIR... SHARDS OF CEMENT HURL UPWARD, HOVER, AND DROP SLOWLY, SLOWLY... AND THE OCEAN, LIKE A HUGE, UNCARING MONSTER, THREATENS TO SWALLOW THIS TINY ISLAND SETTLEMENT! ONE MAN FIGHTS DESPERATELY TO FORESTALL CERTAIN DISASTER! CALL HIM ***GREEN LANTERN***... AND WATCH AS HE BEGINS HIS GREATEST CRUSADE! FOLLOW HIM THROUGH A LABYRINTH OF DANGER INTO A SMALL, SECRET PLACE WHERE LOVE LIVES AND DEATH WAITS!

A STORY PLUCKED FROM THE FEARS OF A NATION BY... *DENNY O'NEIL--WRITER, NEAL ADAMS & BERNI WRIGHTSON--ARTISTS, JULIUS SCHWARTZ--EDITOR.*

"PERIL IN PLASTIC"


IT BEGAN THREE WEEKS AGO, DURING A STORM-GREY EVENING, SOMEWHERE IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA... BEGAN WHEN TWO WHO HAD LOST EACH OTHER CAME TOGETHER AGAIN...
CAROL FERRIS, STRICKEN WITH A STRANGE PARALYSIS, AND HAL JORDAN -- THE GREEN LANTERN -- FOUND A COMMON HUMAN COMFORT THAT DAY, AND THE UGLINESS OF THE PAST WAS FORGOTTEN.
LISTEN, ALL OF YOU PEOPLE, AND MARK IT WELL -- LIFE CAN BE BEAUTIFUL! FOR THE NEXT TWENTY-ONE GLORIOUS DAYS THIS PAIR DISCOVERED THE GENTLE THINGS, THE JOYOUS THINGS... THE MUSIC IN A LAUGH, THE MEANING IN A TOUCH, THE THRILL IN A SIGH...
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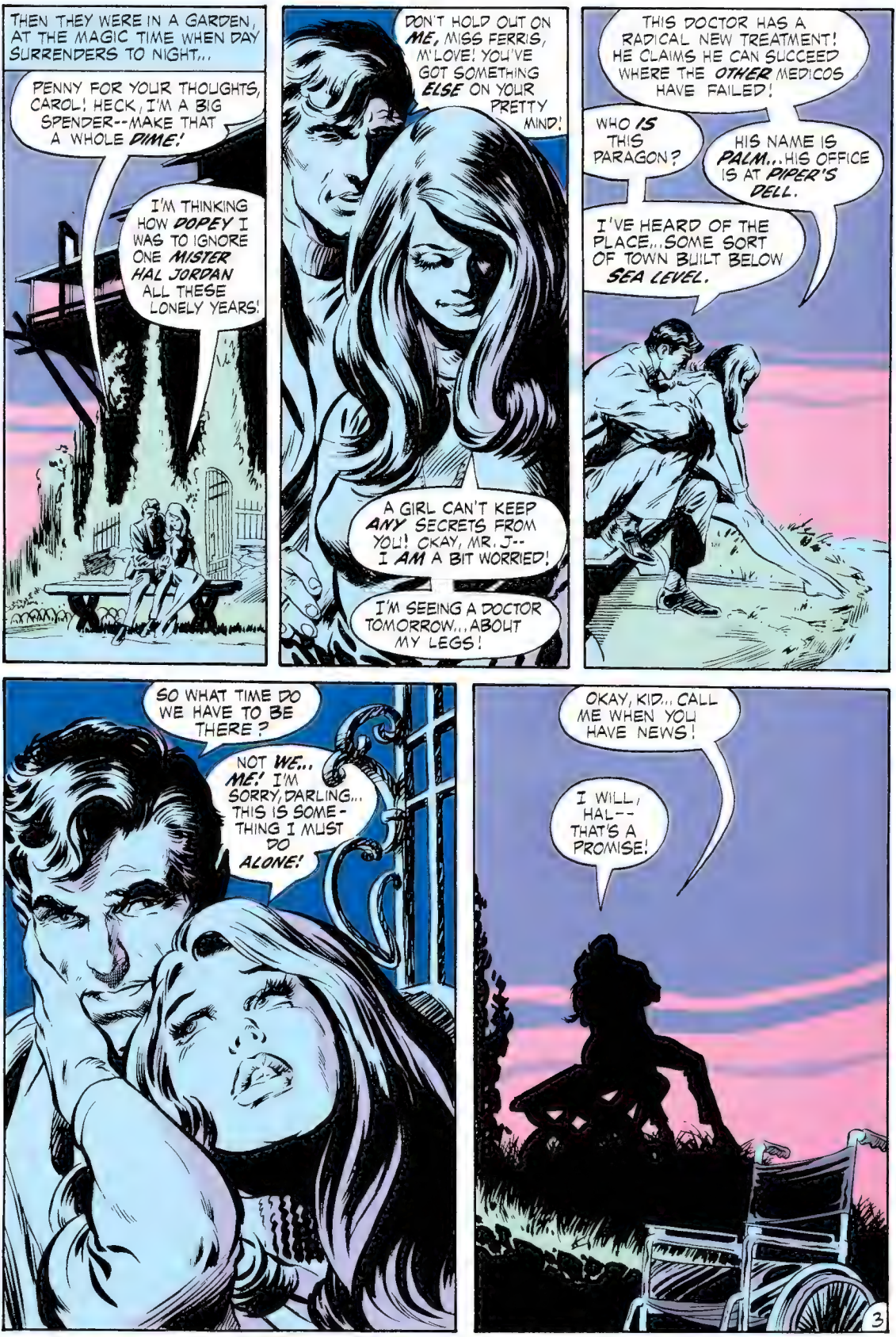
THEN THEY WERE IN A GARDEN, AT THE MAGIC TIME WHEN DAY SURRENDERS TO NIGHT...
PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS, CAROL! HECK, I'M A BIG SPENDER--MAKE THAT A WHOLE DIME!
I'M THINKING HOW DOPEY I WAS TO IGNORE ONE MISTER HAL JORDAN ALL THESE LONELY YEARS!
DON'T HOLD OUT ON ME, MISS FERRIS, M'LOVE! YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING ELSE ON YOUR PRETTY MIND!
A GIRL CAN'T KEEP ANY SECRETS FROM YOU! OKAY, MR. J-- I AM A BIT WORRIED!
I'M SEEING A DOCTOR TOMORROW...ABOUT MY LEGS!
THIS DOCTOR HAS A RADICAL NEW TREATMENT! HE CLAIMS HE CAN SUCCEED WHERE THE OTHER MEDICOS HAVE FAILED!
WHO IS THIS PARAGON?
HIS NAME IS PALM...HIS OFFICE IS AT PIPER'S DELL.
I'VE HEARD OF THE PLACE...SOME SORT OF TOWN BUILT BELOW SEA LEVEL.
SO WHAT TIME DO WE HAVE TO BE THERE?
NOT WE... ME! I'M SORRY, DARLING... THIS IS SOMETHING I MUST DO ALONE!
OKAY, KID... CALL ME WHEN YOU HAVE NEWS!
I WILL, HAL-- THAT'S A PROMISE!
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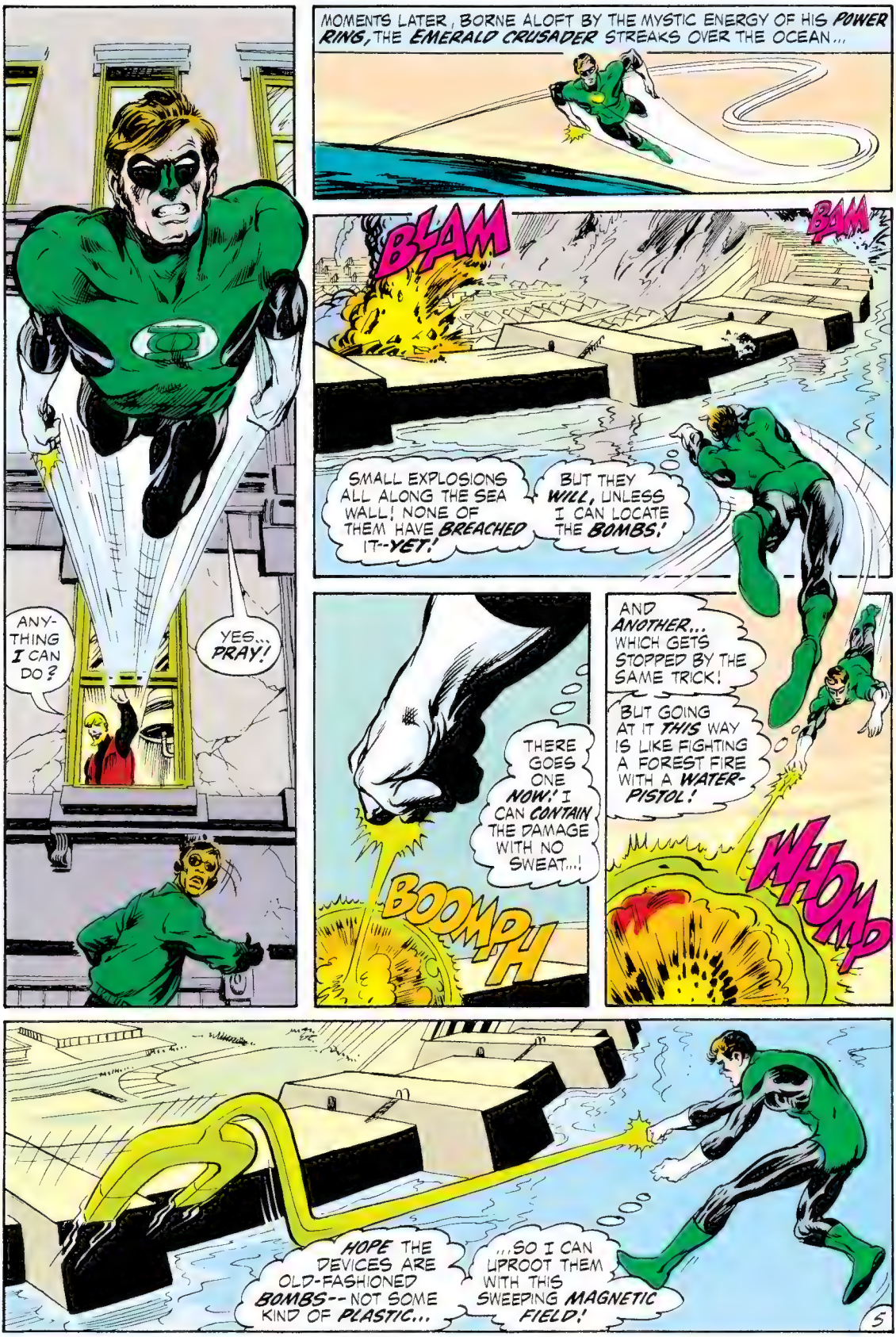
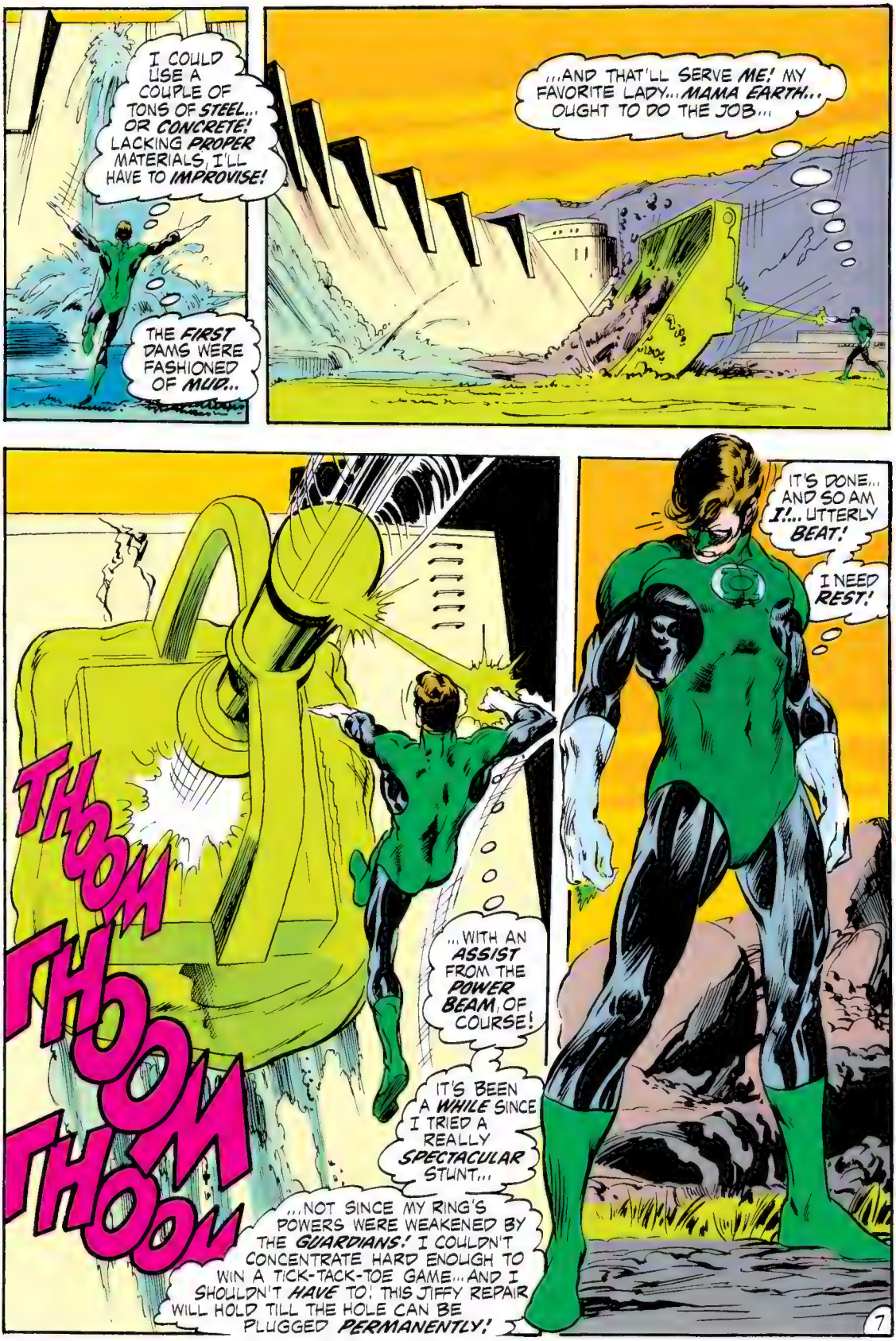
EARLY THE FOLLOWING AFTERNOON...
GREEN ARROW SAID HIS NEW APARTMENT IS SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE-- PRETTY CRUDDY AREA!
HAL-- OVER HERE!
THIS WAY TO THE RITZ, PAL! MY WARD SPEEDY FOUND THE PAD!
LAVISH IT ISN'T... BUT I CAN'T AFFORD PENTHOUSES THESE DAYS!
SIT DOWN, REST THE BOD!
MIND IF I KEEP THE RADIO ON WHILE WE TALK? ROCK-AND-ROLL... WHICH I USED TO THINK ROLLED OUT FROM UNDER A ROCK... GROWS ON A GUY, THOUGH!
YOU LISTEN TO YOUR SOUNDS, I'LL LISTEN TO MINE! YOU STILL CAN'T BEAT DIXIELAND!
YOU DIDN'T COME HERE TO COMPARE MUSICAL TASTES, RIGHT? YOU'RE IN LOVE... AND YOU WANT A SYMPATHETIC EAR! SWELL--MINE'S READY!
... SOURCES SAY THE SEA WALL AROUND PIPER'S DELL IS BEING SYSTEMATICALLY DESTROYED--
QUIET! LISTEN TO THE NEWS--
...EVERYONE IN THE SMALL TOWN IS IN DANGER! THE COAST GUARD REPORTS IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO EVACUATE...
MY GOD... THAT'S WHERE CAROL IS!


MOMENTS LATER, BORNE ALOFT BY THE MYSTIC ENERGY OF HIS POWER RING, THE EMERALD CRUSADER STREAKS OVER THE OCEAN...
BLAM
BAM
SMALL EXPLOSIONS ALL ALONG THE SEA WALL! NONE OF THEM HAVE BREACHED IT--YET!
BUT THEY WILL, UNLESS I CAN LOCATE THE BOMBS!
ANY-THING I CAN DO?
YES... PRAY!
THERE GOES ONE NOW! I CAN CONTAIN THE DAMAGE WITH NO SWEAT...!
BOOMPH
AND ANOTHER... WHICH GETS STOPPED BY THE SAME TRICK!
BUT GOING AT IT THIS WAY IS LIKE FIGHTING A FOREST FIRE WITH A WATER-PISTOL!
WHOMP
HOPE THE DEVICES ARE OLD-FASHIONED BOMBS--NOT SOME KIND OF PLASTIC...
...SO I CAN UPROOT THEM WITH THIS SWEEPING MAGNETIC FIELD!

I'M IN LUCK! THEY'RE NOTHING MORE THAN POWDER ENCASED IN IRON!
SKRRUNCH
I'M HOME FREE... SOON AS I PUT THOSE BOMBS OUT OF HARM'S WAY!
FA VOOM
...AND DETONATE THEM!
UH-OH... MORE TROUBLE BELOW! MY MAGNET MUST'VE WEAKENED THE WALL!
LOOKS LIKE HALF THE PACIFIC IS POURING THROUGH THAT CRACK!
GOT TO SEAL IT... QUICK!... OR PIPER'S DELL WILL BE NOTHING EXCEPT A WET MEMORY!


I COULD USE A COUPLE OF TONS OF STEEL... OR CONCRETE! LACKING PROPER MATERIALS, I'LL HAVE TO IMPROVISE!
THE FIRST DAMS WERE FASHIONED OF MUD...
...AND THAT'LL SERVE ME! MY FAVORITE LADY... MAMA EARTH... OUGHT TO DO THE JOB...
THOOM
THOOM
THOOM
...WITH AN ASSIST FROM THE POWER BEAM, OF COURSE!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I TRIED A REALLY SPECTACULAR STUNT...
...NOT SINCE MY RING'S POWERS WERE WEAKENED BY THE GUARDIANS! I COULDN'T CONCENTRATE HARD ENOUGH TO WIN A TICK-TACK-TOE GAME... AND I SHOULDN'T HAVE TO! THIS JIFFY REPAIR WILL HOLD TILL THE HOLE CAN BE PLUGGED PERMANENTLY!
IT'S DONE... AND SO AM I!... UTTERLY BEAT!
I NEED REST!

MISTER LANTERN--ACCEPT MY DEEPEST GRATITUDE FOR A JOB WELL DONE!
UH... THANKS!
TUH-RIFFIC... JUST A GRAND PERFORMANCE! I'M WILBUR PALM--DOCTOR-IN-RESIDENCE AND MAYOR OF OUR LITTLE BURG!
PALM... HE'S THE MAN CAROL CAME TO SEE! I DON'T DARE ASK ABOUT HER...
COME WITH ME! I WANT TO SHOW YOU AROUND... THROW A PARTY FOR YOU!
IF YOU DON'T MIND... I'LL PASS IT! I'M A BIT TIRED!
NONSENSE! I WON'T TAKE NO FOR AN ANSWER!
HOW D'YA LIKE OUR LITTLE METROPOLIS?
NICE... ONLY THE AIR'S A BIT-- SOOTY!
I'M PUTTING IT MILDLY! I COULD SWIM IN THE SMOG!
SMALL PRICE TO PAY FOR PROGRESS, I SAY!
"AND THERE'S OUR PRIDE AND JOY... THE FACTORY THAT KEEPS US IN BEANS AND SKITTLES!"
"PIPER'S DELL IS WHAT YA CALL YOUR COMPANY TOWN! EVERY-BODY'S EMPLOYED BY THE SAME WONDERFUL OUTFIT!"
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WHAT DOES THE "WONDERFUL OUTFIT" DO?
WE MAKE THE NIFTIEST LITTLE GADGET SINCE THE CARBURETOR-- THE KALUTA!
IT'S A COMBINATION TOY, CONVERSATION PIECE AND PERSONAL DECORATION!
LEMME DEMONSTRATE... YOU PIN IT ON AND--
--AT RANDOM INTERVALS IT GIVES YOU A LITTLE TICKLE AND PUFFS SOME WONDERFUL PERFUME IN YOUR NOSE!
FSSS
QUITE A TREAT, EH?
KA-LOOOOTA
WHA--?! THAT NOISE... IT'S EARTH-SHAKING!
DON'T PAY IT ANY MIND! JUST ANOTHER LITTLE PRICE OF PROGRESS!
--THE PUNCH-PRESS THAT STAMPS OUT OUR NIFTY KALUTAS!
KA-LOOTA
BUT ENOUGH DALLYING! I WANT TO GIVE YOU THE KEY TO OUR FAIR CITY! THE SPEAKER'S PLATFORM IS READY AND WAITING!
GONNA BE A KING-SIZE HONOR FOR YOU, BOY!
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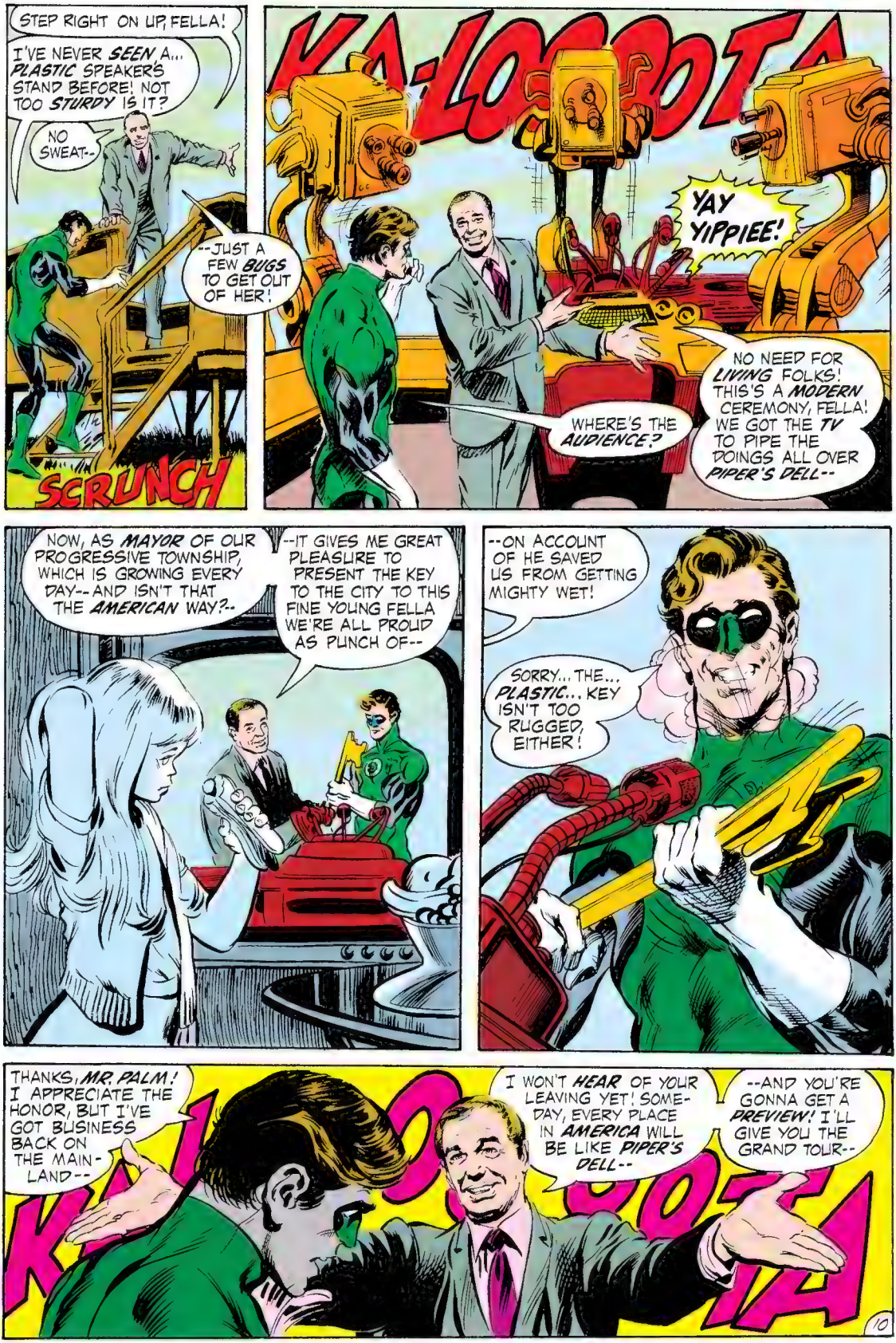
STEP RIGHT ON UP, FELLA!
I'VE NEVER SEEN A... PLASTIC SPEAKER'S STAND BEFORE! NOT TOO STURDY IS IT?
NO SWEAT--
--JUST A FEW BUGS TO GET OUT OF HER!
SCRUNCH
KA-LOOEY!
YAY YIPPIEE!
NO NEED FOR LIVING FOLKS! THIS'S A MODERN CEREMONY, FELLA! WE GOT THE TV TO PIPE THE DOINGS ALL OVER PIPER'S DELL--
WHERE'S THE AUDIENCE?
NOW, AS MAYOR OF OUR PROGRESSIVE TOWNSHIP, WHICH IS GROWING EVERY DAY-- AND ISN'T THAT THE AMERICAN WAY?--
--IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO PRESENT THE KEY TO THE CITY TO THIS FINE YOUNG FELLA WE'RE ALL PROUD AS PUNCH OF--
--ON ACCOUNT OF HE SAVED US FROM GETTING MIGHTY WET!
SORRY... THE... PLASTIC... KEY ISN'T TOO RUGGED, EITHER!
THANKS, MR. PALM! I APPRECIATE THE HONOR, BUT I'VE GOT BUSINESS BACK ON THE MAIN-LAND--
I WON'T HEAR OF YOUR LEAVING YET! SOME-DAY, EVERY PLACE IN AMERICA WILL BE LIKE PIPER'S DELL--
--AND YOU'RE GONNA GET A PREVIEW! I'LL GIVE YOU THE GRAND TOUR--
KA-LOOEY!

I MUST INSIST! AGAIN, THANKS... AND GOOD-BYE!
YOU WANT TO FLY.? GO AHEAD... FLY!
GOT TO GET AWAY... PLACE IS HORRIBLE! EVERYTHING IS... PLASTIC!
EVEN THE SMOG... SMELLS LIKE AN INFLATABLE MATTRESS!
CAN'T... CONCENTRATE... ON PUTTING WILL POWER INTO THE RING! HAVING TROUBLE... STAYING ALOFT...
KA-LOOT-A
NO USE...! MY MIND... SHOT!
UNMNGA!
I WON'T GET AWAY BY AIR... BUT I CAN STILL RUN!
DECIDED TO ACCEPT OUR HOSPITALITY, GREEN LANTERN? NO--?
MAYBE MY EXECUTIVE BOARD CAN CONVINCE YOU! GET HIM!
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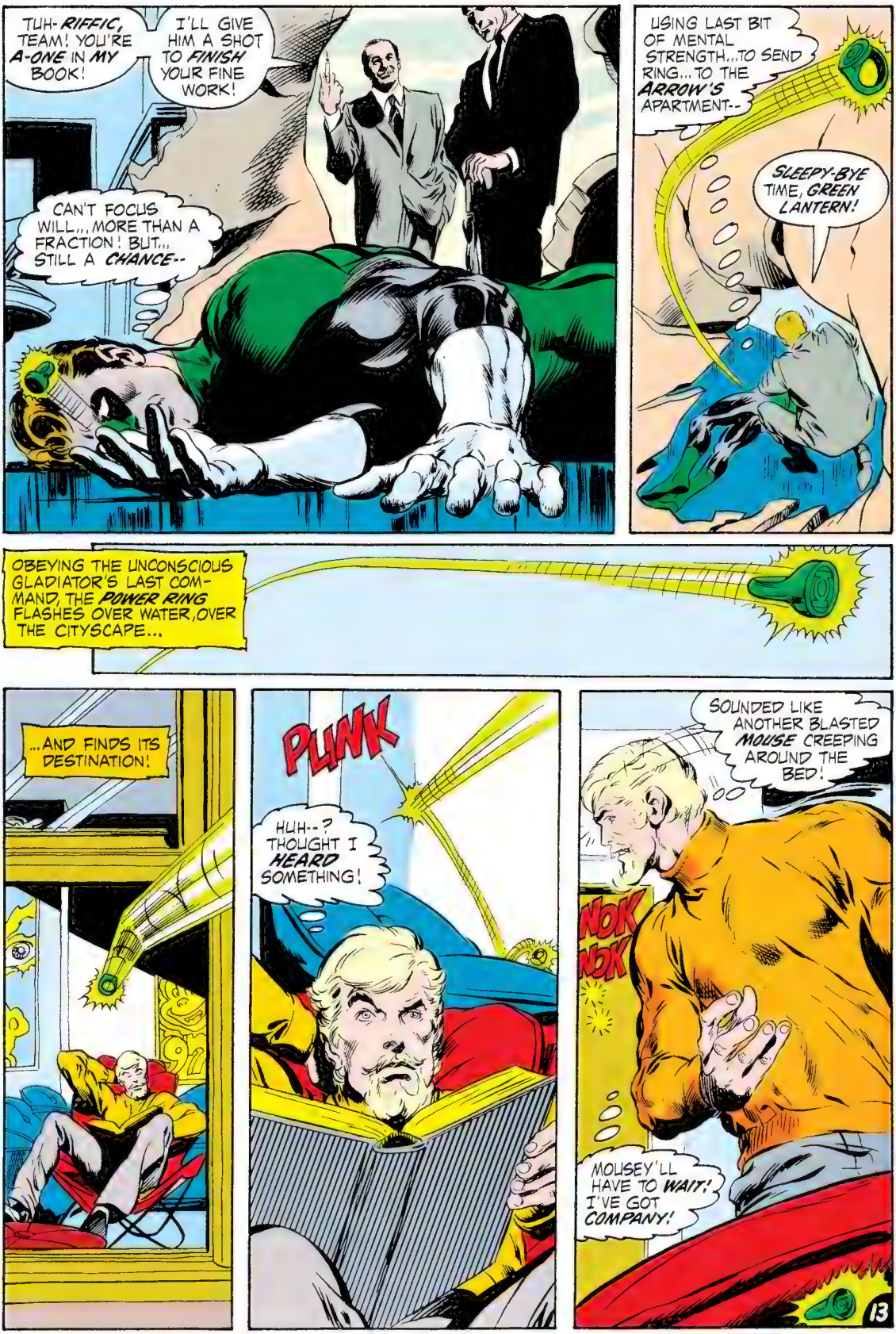
TUH-RIFFIC, TEAM! YOU'RE A-ONE IN MY BOOK!
I'LL GIVE HIM A SHOT TO FINISH YOUR FINE WORK!
CAN'T FOCUS WILL... MORE THAN A FRACTION! BUT... STILL A CHANCE--
USING LAST BIT OF MENTAL STRENGTH... TO SEND RING... TO THE ARROW'S APARTMENT--
SLEEPY-BYE TIME, GREEN LANTERN!
OBEYING THE UNCONSCIOUS GLADIATOR'S LAST COMMAND, THE POWER RING FLASHES OVER WATER, OVER THE CITYSCAPE...
...AND FINDS ITS DESTINATION!
PLINK
HUH--? THOUGHT I HEARD SOMETHING!
SOUNDED LIKE ANOTHER BLASTED MOUSE CREEPING AROUND THE BED!
NOK NOK
MOUSEY'LL HAVE TO WAIT! I'VE GOT COMPANY!

HELLO, OLIVER! ARE YOU BUSY?
MY FAVORITE BLACK CANARY!... PRETTY BIRD, FOR YOU I'M ALWAYS AVAILABLE!
MAN! DO YOU LOOK GOOD! BUT I THOUGHT YOU WERE OFF SOMEWHERE GETTING YOUR HEAD TOGETHER?
I WAS... AND I SUCCEEDED, I THINK! I GOT BORED AND LONELY... AND WANTED TO SEE YOU!
BUY A GIRL A MEAL?
YOU KNOW IT! I'LL TAKE YOU TO A MEXICAN JOINT... CHILI SO HOT THEY HAVE ASBESTOS NAPKINS!
AT THAT MOMENT, GREEN LANTERN IS RETURNING TO PAINFUL CONSCIOUSNESS...
WELCOME TO THE LAND OF THE LIVING, OLD ENEMY! DON'T TRY TO MOVE! YOU'RE BOUND... AND THE INJECTION I GAVE YOU HAS TEMPORARILY PARALYZED YOU!
YOU CALLED ME AN ENEMY! WHY?
BECAUSE YOU ARE!
YOU SHOULDN'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER!
YOU'RE... BLACK HAND!
YOU... GOT THE MESSAGE!

LAST I HEARD, YOU WERE WHERE YOU BELONG... BEHIND BARS!
YEAH AND--IT WAS YOU WHO PUT ME THERE! LUCKILY A CERTAIN GROUP OF ENTREPRENEURS BEFRIENDED ME AND EFFECTED MY RELEASE!
THEY FELT I WAS JUST THE BOY TO RIG AN EXPERIMENT...
...LIKE THIS, GREEN LANTERN! OPENERS, WE OFFER BIG DOUGH TO LURE THE SUCKERS HERE! LOTSA FRINGE BENEFITS--FREE HOUSING, CHEAP CHOW, AND SO FORTH! THAT KEEPS 'EM PUT! THEN WE KINDA MESS THEIR MINDS... HIT 'EM WITH THE KA-LOOT-A NOISE...SQUIRT 'EM WITH PERFUME AND TICKLE 'EM...
...PRETTY SOON THEY CAN'T CONCENTRATE! AND WE GOT 'EM IN OUR HIP POCKET!
MASS BRAIN-WASHING... YOU GHOUL! WHAT'S THE REASON? THERE MUST BE A REASON!
BET YOUR SWEET LIFE THERE IS!
MAKES THE RUBES HAPPY, IS WHAT! TAKE AWAY AMBITION... CURIOSITY... AND YOU GOT PERFECT EMPLOYEES!
LIKE I SAID.. SOMEDAY THE WORLD'S GONNA BE ONE BIG PIPER'S DELL! GLOM THE TUBE! I'LL SHOW YOU HOW IT CAN WORK!
IT WAS NICE OF GREEN LANTERN TO SAVE THE DAM!
SAVE IT? YOU'RE MISTAKEN... HE CAUSED THE FLOW!
THIS IS NOT A NEW PRINCIPLE! THERE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN COMPANY TOWNS, THIS IS THE LOGICAL EXTENSION...
THAT CAN'T BE TRUE... I SAW...
KA
PEOPLE ARE LIKE CATTLE. GIVE THEM JUST ENOUGH COMFORT TO SATISFY THEM, AND ANYTHING THAT THREATENS THEM OR THEY THINK THREATENS THEM...THEY ATTACK!
YES...I GUESS THAT ROTTEN LANTERN IS A BAD ONE!
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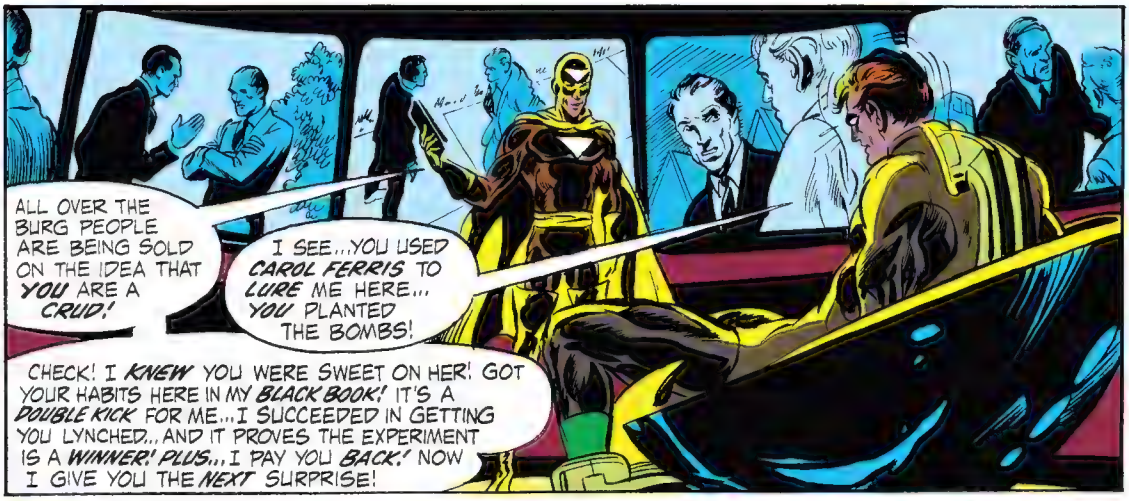
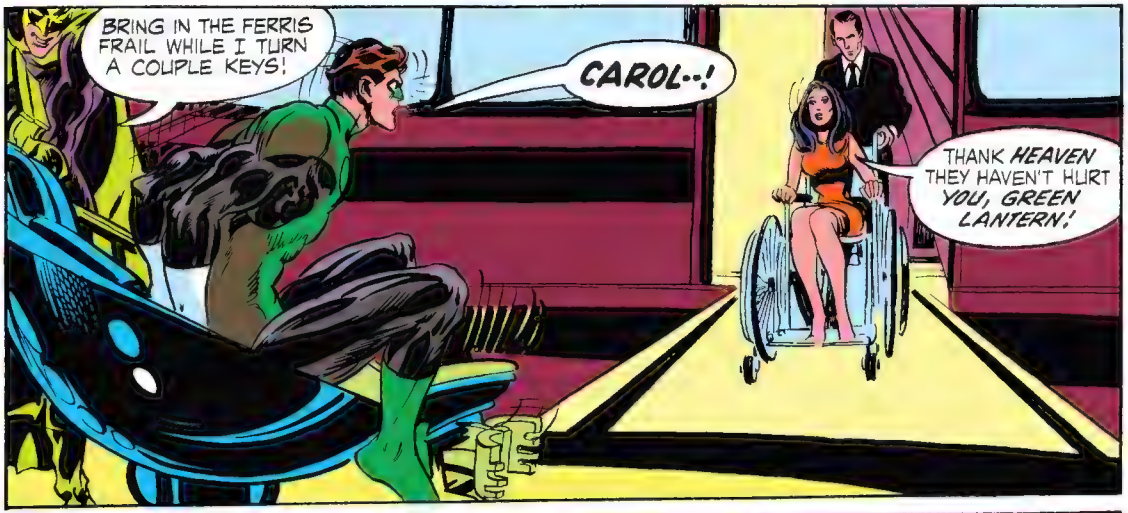
AND WITH THE BRAIN-WASHING ADDED--THEY NOT ONLY ATTACK... THEY DESTROY!


ALL OVER THE BURG PEOPLE ARE BEING SOLD ON THE IDEA THAT YOU ARE A CRUD!
I SEE...YOU USED CAROL FERRIS TO LURE ME HERE... YOU PLANTED THE BOMBS!
CHECK! I KNEW YOU WERE SWEET ON HER! GOT YOUR HABITS HERE IN MY BLACK BOOK! IT'S A DOUBLE KICK FOR ME...I SUCCEEDED IN GETTING YOU LYNCHED... AND IT PROVES THE EXPERIMENT IS A WINNER! PLUS... I PAY YOU BACK! NOW I GIVE YOU THE NEXT SURPRISE!

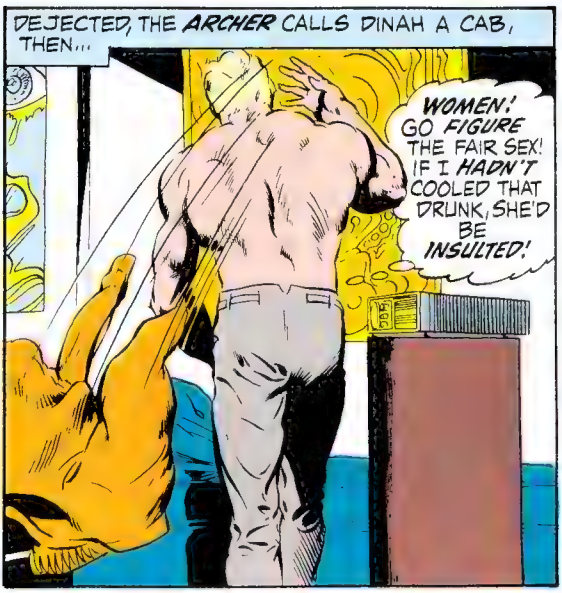

BRING IN THE FERRIS FRAIL WHILE I TURN A COUPLE KEYS!
CAROL--!
THANK HEAVEN THEY HAVEN'T HURT YOU, GREEN LANTERN!

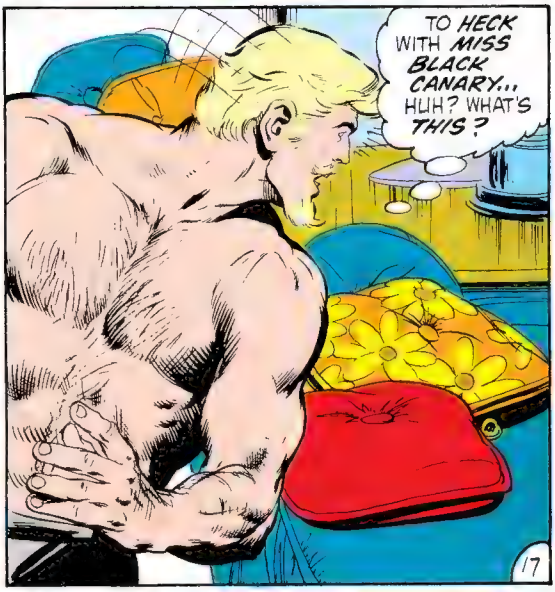
WE'RE NOT ABOUT TO STICK 'EM...NOR YOU EITHER! NOPE...THE CITIZENS WILL HANDLE THAT CHORE!
THE DOOR'S OPEN, LANTERN...SCRAM!

AND, OUTSIDE...
THERE HE IS!
THE CRUMB WHO TRIED TO WIPE US OUT!

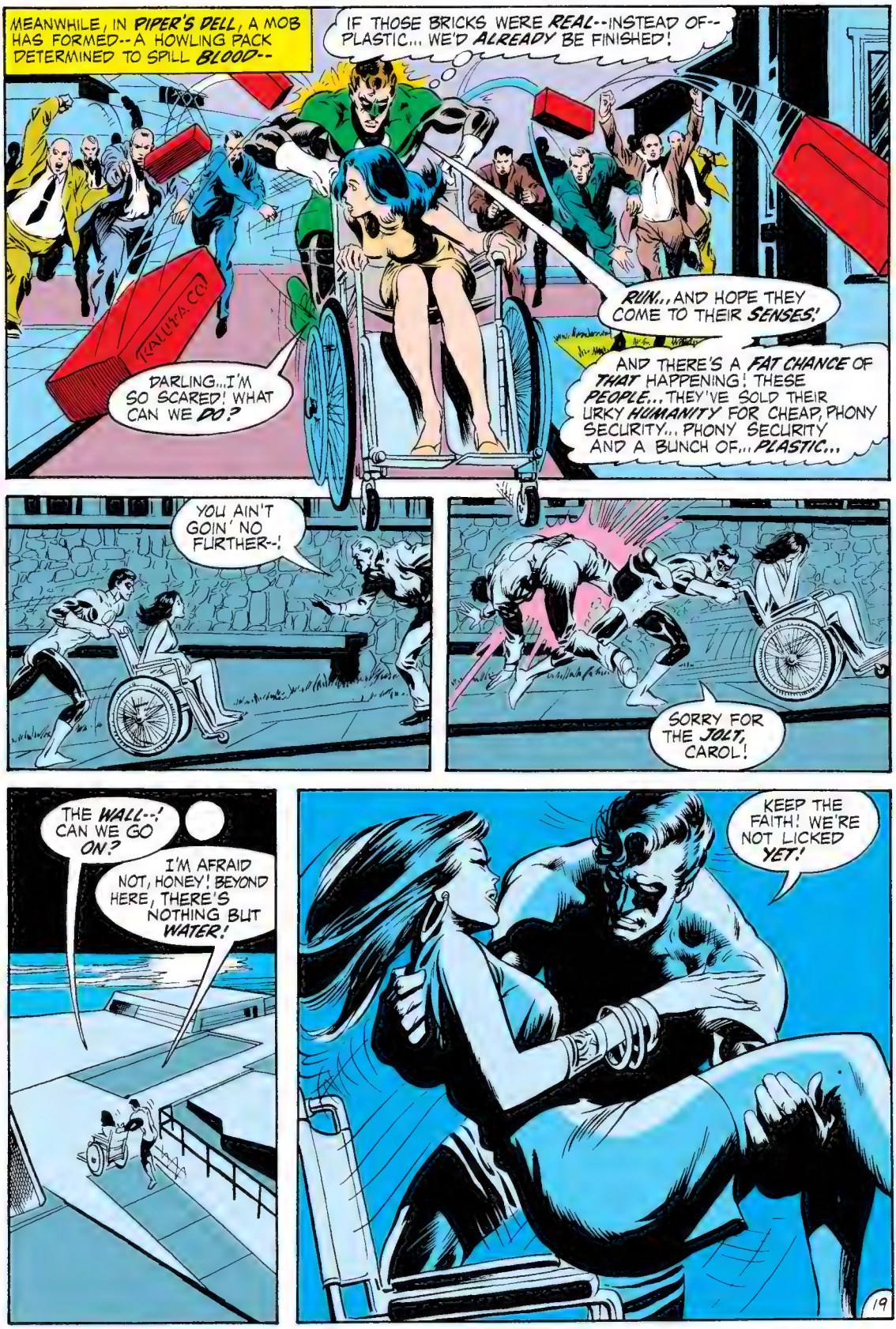
I'LL TEAR 'IM LIMB FROM LIMB...
HAND'S PROBABLY TURNED OFF THE NOISE DEVICE! WOULDN'T WANT TO DISTRACT SOMEBODY FROM KILLING US!
SO I'LL DO THE DISTRACTING! ORDINARILY, THIS BIRD WOULDN'T GIVE ME PAUSE--
...BUT I'M NOT ONLY RINGLESS...I'M WEAK FROM THE DRUG! MAYBE I HAVE THE STRENGTH TO STOP HIM, THOUGH...

ELSEWHERE, ANOTHER "FIGHT" IS OCCURRING... ONE BETWEEN FRIENDS!
I SWEAR I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOU! DID YOU HAVE TO DUMP CHILI ON THAT LUSH'S HEAD?
YES, I DID! HE WAS LOOKING AT YOU LIKE YOU WERE CATNIP AND HE WAS THE CHIEF TOMCAT OF THE WESTERN WORLD!
WELL, THE EVENING IS RUINED! MAYBE I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW... AND MAYBE NOT!


DEJECTED, THE ARCHER CALLS DINAH A CAB, THEN...
WOMEN! GO FIGURE THE FAIR SEX! IF I HADN'T COOLED THAT DRUNK, SHE'D BE INSULTED!


TO HECK WITH MISS BLACK CANARY... HUH? WHAT'S THIS?

LANTERN'S RING! HE'D NEVER PART WITH IT UNLESS HE WAS AT THE END OF HIS ROPE! CALLING FOR HELP!
AND HE'LL GET IT! HE MUST STILL BE IN PIPER'S DELL...MAYBE THE DEAL WAS A TRAP!
THE RING ISN'T GLOWING! PROBABLY NEEDS RECHARGING!
THEN, THE ACE ARCHER RACES TO HAL JORDAN'S HOTEL...BRIBES A BELL-BOY TO OPEN A DOOR...AND SEVERAL MINUTES LATER...
LOST TIME FINDING THE POWER BATTERY... BLASTED THING'S INVISIBLE!
I'M NOT SURE OF THE ROUTINE! BETTER PLAY SAFE AND RECITE THE OATH!
IN BRIGHTEST DAY, IN BLACKEST NIGHT, NO EVIL SHALL ESCAPE MY SIGHT! LET THOSE WHO WORSHIP EVIL'S MIGHT, BEWARE MY POWER... GREEN LANTERN'S LIGHT!
HAVING COMPLETED THE RITUAL, HE GOES TO A MARINE RENTAL FIRM, AND...
MISTER, YOU GOTTA LET ME HAVE A SPEED-BOAT!
NOPE...NOT UNLESS YOU GOT A HUNNERT FOR DEPOSIT!
I TOLD YOU... I'M DOWN TO MY LAST TWENTY DOLLARS!
FER TWENNY, I'LL RENT YA THE DINGHY THERE! TAKE HER OR LEAVE HER!
I'LL TAKE HER! AND WITH THE BLOOD MONEY, YOU SHOULD BUY YOURSELF A NICE THICK STEAK...
AND I HOPE YOU CHOKE ON IT!


MEANWHILE, IN PIPER'S DELL, A MOB HAS FORMED--A HOWLING PACK DETERMINED TO SPILL BLOOD--
IF THOSE BRICKS WERE REAL--INSTEAD OF--PLASTIC... WE'D ALREADY BE FINISHED!
RUN... AND HOPE THEY COME TO THEIR SENSES!
AND THERE'S A FAT CHANCE OF THAT HAPPENING! THESE PEOPLE... THEY'VE SOLD THEIR URKY HUMANITY FOR CHEAP, PHONY SECURITY... PHONY SECURITY AND A BUNCH OF... PLASTIC...
DARLING... I'M SO SCARED! WHAT CAN WE DO?
YOU AIN'T GOIN' NO FURTHER--!
SORRY FOR THE JOLT, CAROL!
THE WALL--! CAN WE GO ON?
I'M AFRAID NOT, HONEY! BEYOND HERE, THERE'S NOTHING BUT WATER!
KEEP THE FAITH! WE'RE NOT LICKED YET!
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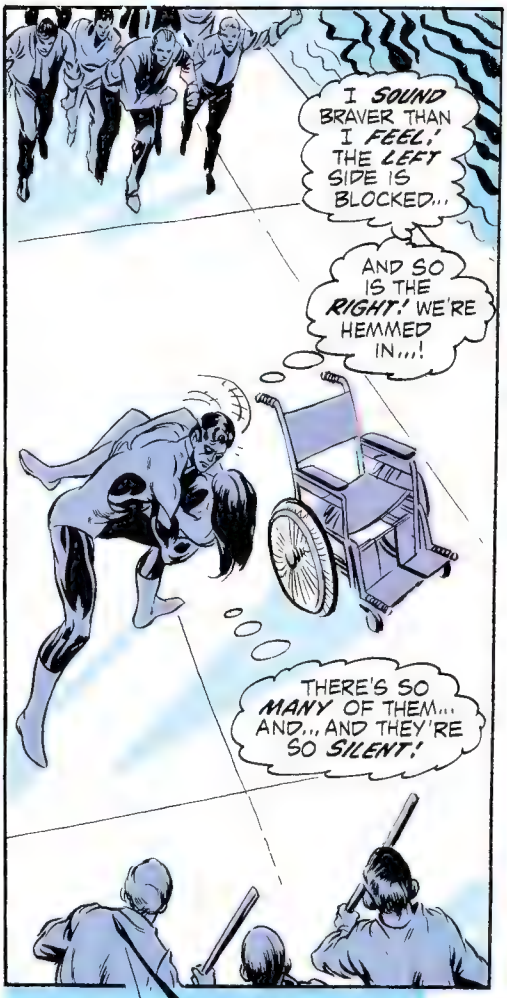
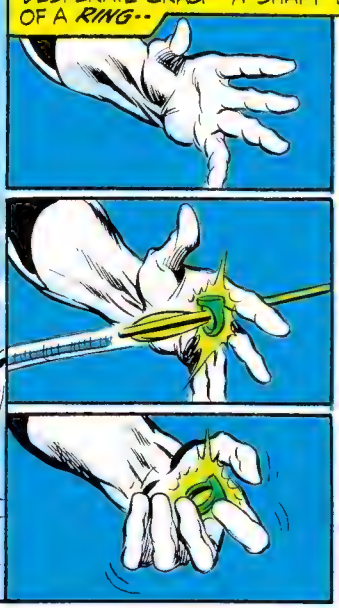
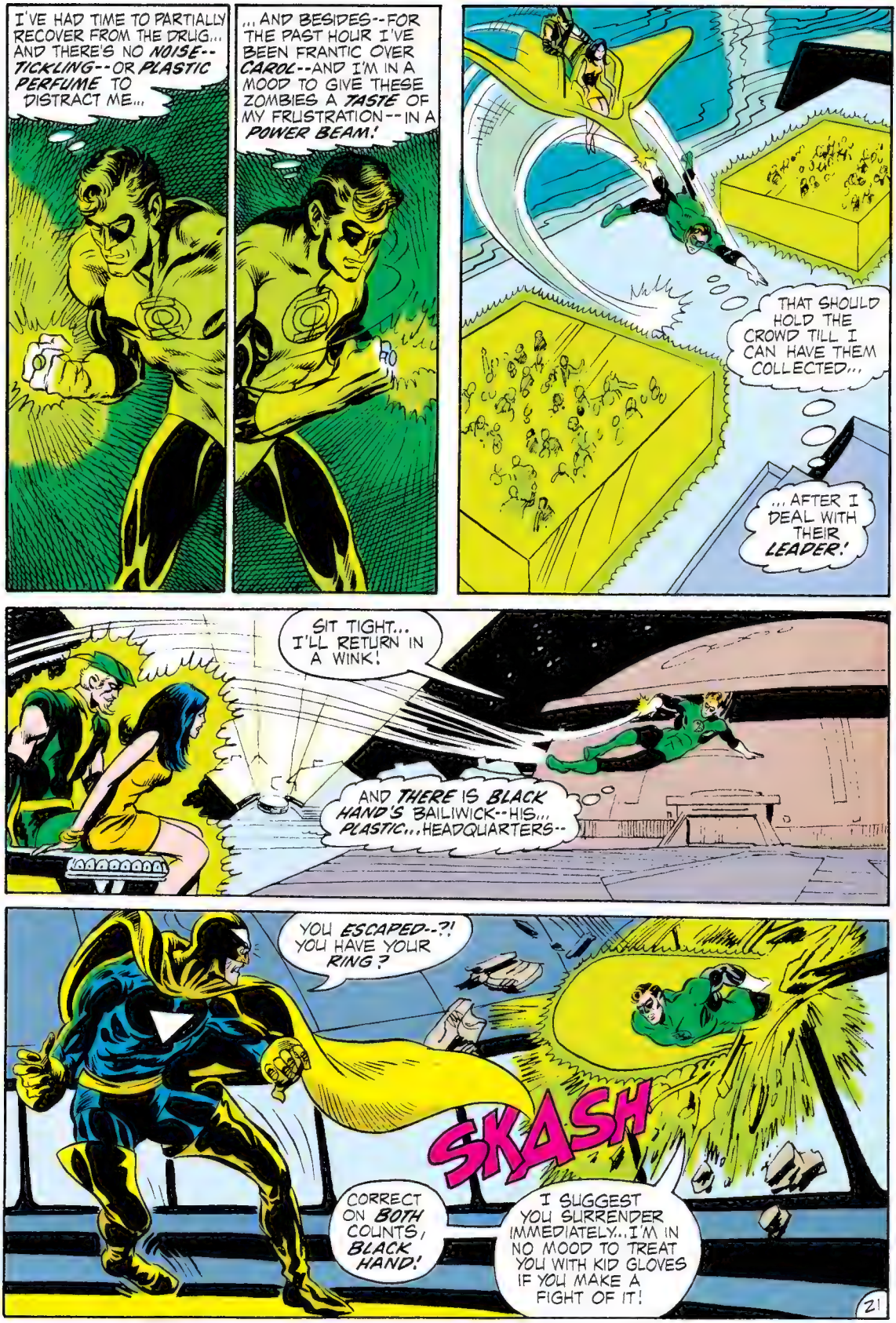


ONLY THE AMAZING *GREEN ARROW* COULD SEND A SHAFT SO UNERRINGLY, AT PRECISELY THE CORRECT SPEED, TO A COMPANION'S DESPERATE GRASP--A SHAFT BEARING *SALVATION* IN THE FORM OF A *RING*--




I'VE HAD TIME TO PARTIALLY RECOVER FROM THE DRUG... AND THERE'S NO NOISE--TICKLING--OR PLASTIC PERFUME TO DISTRACT ME...
...AND BESIDES--FOR THE PAST HOUR I'VE BEEN FRANTIC OVER CAROL--AND I'M IN A MOOD TO GIVE THESE ZOMBIES A TASTE OF MY FRUSTRATION--IN A POWER BEAM!
THAT SHOULD HOLD THE CROWD TILL I CAN HAVE THEM COLLECTED...
...AFTER I DEAL WITH THEIR LEADER!
SIT TIGHT... I'LL RETURN IN A WINK!
AND THERE IS BLACK HAND'S BAILIWICK--HIS... PLASTIC... HEADQUARTERS--
YOU ESCAPED--?! YOU HAVE YOUR RING?
SKASH
CORRECT ON BOTH COUNTS, BLACK HAND!
I SUGGEST YOU SURRENDER IMMEDIATELY.. I'M IN NO MOOD TO TREAT YOU WITH KID GLOVES IF YOU MAKE A FIGHT OF IT!

ONE PROBLEM WITH THE PLASTIC STUFF YOU USED TO BUILD YOUR HEADQUARTERS...
TAKATAKA!
...IT TENDS TO MELT EASILY...
IT'S FITTING THAT YOU END IMPRISONED IN... PLASTIC...
AND, THE FOLLOWING BEAUTIFUL DAY, ON A CITY STREET...
THOSE PIPER'S DELL PEOPLE MUST HAVE BEEN CRAZY...TO SURRENDER FREEDOM OF DECISION SO EASILY!
NOT CRAZY, BABY! DIFFERENT! A BIT MORE GREEDY THAN MOST... A BIT LESS RESPONSIBLE!
I DON'T KNOW, PAL!...
SPECIAL PRE-XMAS JULY SALE PLASTIC CHRISTM TREES
...YOU REALLY THINK THEY WERE DIFFERENT?
THE END.
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THE SHOCKING TRUTH ABOUT DRUGS!
DC
GREEN LANTERN
GREEN ARROW
GREEN LANTERN
CO-STARRING
GREEN ARROW
ONLY 25¢ bigger & better
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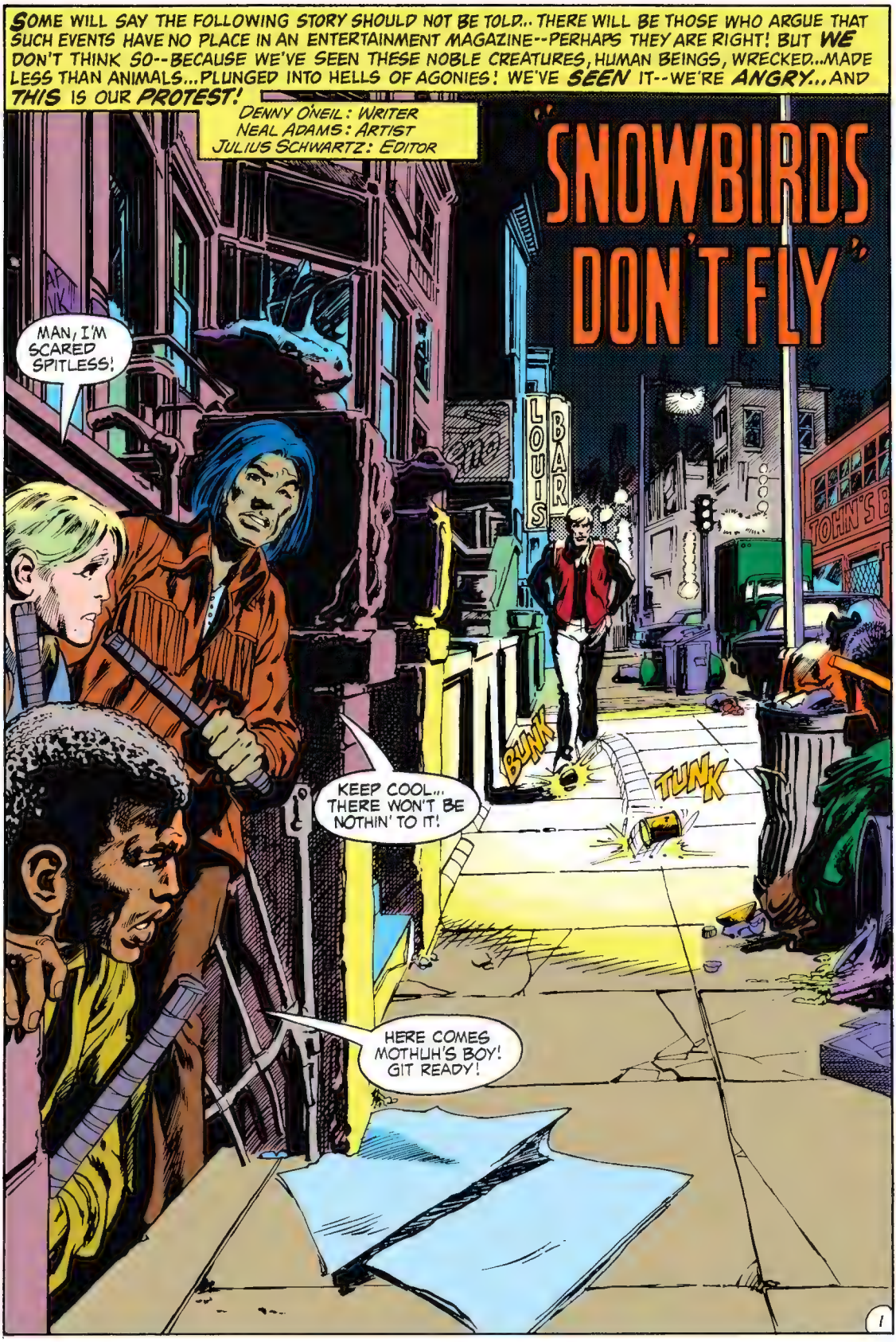
YOU ALWAYS HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS, GREEN ARROW! WELL, WHAT'S YOUR ANSWER TO THAT--?
MY WARD, SPEEDY, IS A JUNKIE!
DC ATTACKS YOUTHS' GREATEST PROBLEM... DRUGS!


SOME WILL SAY THE FOLLOWING STORY SHOULD NOT BE TOLD.. THERE WILL BE THOSE WHO ARGUE THAT SUCH EVENTS HAVE NO PLACE IN AN ENTERTAINMENT MAGAZINE--PERHAPS THEY ARE RIGHT! BUT WE DON'T THINK SO--BECAUSE WE'VE SEEN THESE NOBLE CREATURES, HUMAN BEINGS, WRECKED...MADE LESS THAN ANIMALS...PLUNGED INTO HELLS OF AGONIES! WE'VE SEEN IT--WE'RE ANGRY...AND THIS IS OUR PROTEST!
DENNY O'NEIL: WRITER
NEAL ADAMS: ARTIST
JULIUS SCHWARTZ: EDITOR
SNOWBIRDS DON'T FLY
MAN, I'M SCARED SPITLESS!
LOUIS BAR
KEEP COOL... THERE WON'T BE NOTHIN' TO IT!
BUNK
TUNK
HERE COMES MOTHUH'S BOY! GIT READY!
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HEY, MAN... GIMME YER WALLET!
WE NEED YOUR MONEY!
WE DON'T WANNA HASSLE YOU--!
THEN DON'T...
...'CAUSE I'M PLAIN IN NO MOOD! MY WOMAN JUST TOLD ME SHE'S NOT GOING TO BE HOME WHEN I CALL ANYMORE...
...AND ALL AROUND, IT'S BEEN A BAD NIGHT! STEP ASIDE, KIDDOS... LET'S NOT CAUSE EACH OTHER GRIEF!
MAYBE YOU DIDN'T UNNER-STAND!
OH, I DID.. I DID! YOU'RE JUNIOR MUGGERS, RIGHT? WELL, SONNY-BOYS, YOU'VE PICKED THE WRONG VICTIM IN OLIVER QUEEN!
I'VE GOT A LOT OF MAD IN ME THAT WANTS OUT!
...AND YOU'VE ELECTED YOURSELF MY TARGET!
SKAASH
THUD
I'M KINDA GLAD YOU GUYS HAPPENED ALONG! OTHER-WISE, I'D HAVE HAD TO GO INSIDE AND PUNCH WALLS!
2

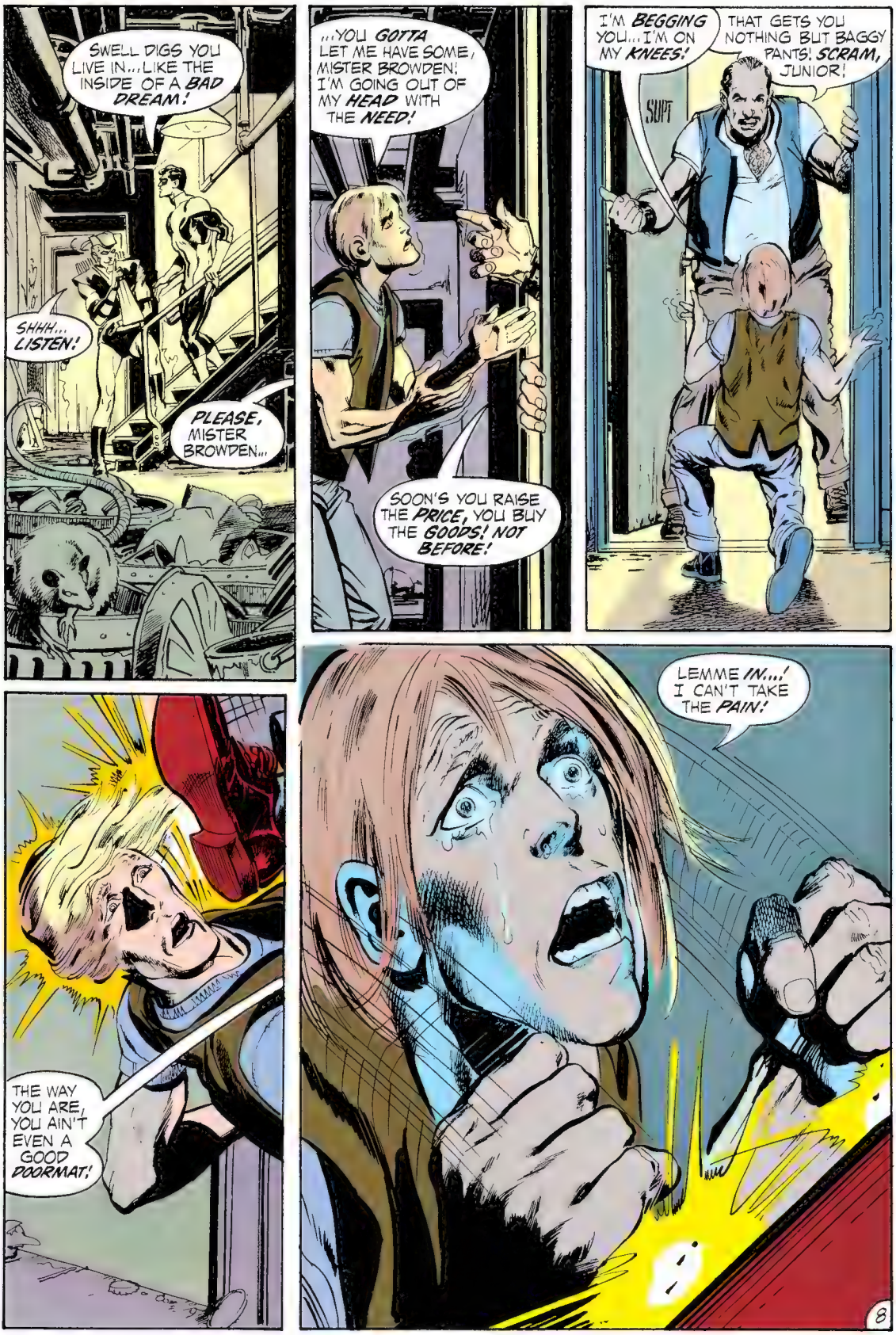
YOU'RE NOT MUCH GOOD AT THIS! YOUR HEART ISN'T IN IT...
AS A THUG, YOU'RE A BUST! YOU SHOULD LEARN A TRADE, HUH?
GO ON, MISTER! PUT HIM DOWN! DO THE BIG FUNNIES AT HIM! SHOW US WHAT HOT GARBAGE YOU ARE...
...TALK AWAY WHILE I KILL YOU!
WITH THAT RELIC? FORGET IT... SOMEHOW, I CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO BE SCARED OF A CROSSBOW...
TWANG
MY... GOD!
3

JOHN... PERHAPS WE SHOULD HELP HIM... CALL AN AMBULANCE, OR SOMETHING!
IT'S NOT SMART TO GET INVOLVED, MARY!
TELEPHONE
OUT OF ORDER
DEPT. OF TRAFFIC
NO STANDING
H-HELP ME...
GO HOME AND SLEEP IT OFF, FELLA!
4

TAXI
OFF TAXI DUTY
HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ENTRANCE
MISS... N-NEED A DOCTOR!
FLAUMBER
WE'RE VERY BUSY TONIGHT! COULD YOU COME BACK IN THE MORNING?
ISN'T MODERN CIVILIZATION... WONDERFUL...?
HOWEVER, NOT EVEN THE BUSIEST MEDICAL STAFF CAN IGNORE A MAN LYING ON THE FLOOR WITH AN ARROW JUTTING FROM HIS SHOULDER... ESPECIALLY WHEN HE'S BLOCKING THE CORRIDOR! THUS--
NASTY WOUND THERE... THE SHAFT CHIPPED THE BONE! BUT WE CAUGHT IT BEFORE INFECTION SET IN!
DON'T USE THE ARM FOR A FEW WEEKS AND YOU SHOULD BE OKAY!
DOC... CAN I SEE THE ARROW?
5

YEAH...I THOUGHT THIS THING LOOKED FAMILIAR! ONLY I WAS BLEEDING TOO MUCH TO BE SURE!
YOU HAVE A PUBLIC PHONE HERE?
IN THE LOBBY, MR. QUEEN!
YOU CAN PAY YOUR BILL AT THE FRONT DESK!
CHECK! I'LL USE THE IN-STALLMENT PLAN...A LEG DOWN AND A TOE A WEEK!
WELL, WELL...IT WORKS! WILL MIRACLES NEVER CEASE!
HELLO, OPERATOR... I WANT HAL JORDAN IN COAST CITY!
AND A MOMENT LATER...
OLLIE TRIES TO PUT A GRIN ON EVERYTHING HE SAYS...BUT I'VE NEVER HEARD HIM SOUND SO WORRIED!
HIS VOICE WAS ALMOST... HYSTERICAL!
OLLIE... WHAT'S UP?
TROUBLE, PAL! GIANT, ECONOMY SIZE WOES! CAN YOU ARRANGE TO HAVE GREEN LANTERN MEET ME AT MY PAD--PRONTO?
IN BRIGHTEST DAY, IN BLACKEST NIGHT, NO EVIL SHALL ESCAPE MY SIGHT! LET THOSE WHO WORSHIP EVIL'S MIGHT, BEWARE MY POWER-- GREEN LANTERN'S LIGHT!

ACROSS A SLEEPING CITY HE HURTLES... A GREEN-CLAD WARRIOR AT THE BEGINNING OF ANOTHER CRUSADE--
...AND SOON, AFTER HIS FRIEND GREEN ARROW FINISHES TELLING OF HIS MISHAPS...
I UNDERSTAND YOUR BEING... DISTURBED! BEING ZAPPED WITH A CROSSBOW MIGHT SHAKE ANYONE...
IT'S NOT THAT! IT'S WHAT I WAS ZAPPED WITH! THIS SHAFT IS ONE OF MINE!
OF COURSE, I'VE LEFT PLENTY OF THESE AT SCENES OF SUNDRY CRIMES...
...LOTS OF NASTY SORTS HAVE HAD CHANCES TO SNARE ONE!
STILL, I CAN'T HELP BEING WORRIED..
...BECAUSE I HAVEN'T SEEN MY WARD... SPEEDY... IN A MONTH!
AND YOU THINK HE MAY HAVE BEEN CAPTURED?
UMMM... THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS! I HAVEN'T PAID MUCH ATTENTION TO HIM LATELY--
...I'VE BEEN STRUNG OUT WITH MY ROMANCE ...HAVEN'T HAD TIME FOR MUCH ELSE!
I'M ASKING YOU FOR AN ASSIST! WITH A PUNCTURED WING, I'D BE CLOSE TO ZILCH IN A BRAWL!
YOU HAVE SOME IDEA WHERE TO BEGIN?
IN THE BASEMENT OF THIS FIRE-TRAP! I'M PRETTY CERTAIN I SAW THE YOUNGSTERS WHO MUGGED ME HEADING DOWN HERE LAST WEEK!


SWELL DIGS YOU LIVE IN... LIKE THE INSIDE OF A BAD DREAM!
SHHH... LISTEN!
PLEASE, MISTER BROWDEN...
...YOU GOTTA LET ME HAVE SOME, MISTER BROWDEN! I'M GOING OUT OF MY HEAD WITH THE NEED!
SOON'S YOU RAISE THE PRICE, YOU BUY THE GOODS! NOT BEFORE!
I'M BEGGING YOU... I'M ON MY KNEES!
THAT GETS YOU NOTHING BUT BAGGY PANTS! SCRAM, JUNIOR!
SUPT
LEMME IN...! I CAN'T TAKE THE PAIN!
THE WAY YOU ARE, YOU AIN'T EVEN A GOOD DOORMAT!
8

WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?
CAN'T YOU SEE? HE'S WITHDRAWING... COLD TURKEY!!
MY GUT... ON FIRE...
COLD... TURKEY?
LANTERN, YOU CAN BE DUMB! THE BOY'S A SNOWBIRD... HE'S ON DOPE! APPARENTLY BROWDEN IS A SALESMAN... A BLASTED PUSHER!
AND THAT'S AS LOW AS ANY-BODY CAN SINK!
DRUGS?
YOU GUYS HOLDING A CONVENTION? ZIPPER YOUR LIPS AN' GIMME A CHANCE TO REST!
OH, I WILL...
I REALLY WILL... YOU SCUM!
WANNA SCUFFLE, BEATNIK?
HURT YA, DID I?-- TOUGH!
:UN-GHH!:
9

GET AWAY FROM HIM...!
YOU WANNA MIX WITH ME TOO, FREAK? I'LL SHOW YA HOW SCARED I AM OF YOUR RING...
I'LL SPLIT YOUR... UH--
YOU ALL RIGHT, ARROW?
NO SWEAT! I'M IN FAR BETTER SHAPE THAN THAT GUY HERE!
NEED... FIX...SO BAD...
WE'LL DEPOSIT THE BROWDEN SPECIMEN AT THE NEAREST PRECINCT! THE LAD SHOULD GO TO A HOSPITAL!
FIRST, THOUGH... HE TELLS US ABOUT SPEEDY!
YOU'RE FLYING, SNOWBIRD... NOW-- SING!
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AT THAT MOMENT IN THE CITY'S TEEMING CHINA-TOWN...
YOU FIGURE CHUCKY'S SCORED?
NAW... BROWDEN'S ONE MEAN CAT! HE WOULDN'T GIVE HIS GRANNY STUFF 'LESS SHE PUT BREAD IN FRONT!
CHUCKY BETTER MAKE A BUY! I'M GETTIN' SICK AGAIN!
RELAX... TALK ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE! LIKE WHAT'S WITH THOSE WEAPONS?
MY POP'S COLLECTION! ALL DAY LONG, HE ANSWERS TO CHINK... SLANT. AT NIGHT HE COMES HOME AND GROOVES ON THE ARMAMENT--
PRETENDS HE'S GENGHIS KHAN OR SOMEBODY... PRETENDS HE'S KILLING HIS BOSSES... INSTEAD OF KISSING THEIR FEET!
POP'S ESCAPE-TRIP--
--ME, I'VE FOUND ANOTHER ESCAPE!
OOOO... YOU COMIN' ON STRONG! SO YOU GET INSULTED, HEY? "CHINK'S" NOTHIN' COMPARED TO THE NAME'S I'M CALLED...
NIGGER IS FOR OPENERS! THEN THEY GET REAL POETIC! BUT IT AIN'T THE NAMES THEY CALL YOU, IT'S WHAT'S BEHIND THEIR EYES, BABY. THIS IS MY REASON FOR SHOOTIN'...
...IT MAKES LIFE MORE BEARABLE...
... AND IT GETS ME THROUGH THE DAY!
UNNN... WISH CHUCKY WOULD HURRY! CRAMPS ARE TURNIN' MY BELLY TO MUSH!

YOU GOT A REASON FOR BEIN' A HOPHEAD, ROY?
IT'S PERSONAL--!
LOOK!...THE CEILING!
IF YOU THINK I'M GONNA TOSS OFF A ONE-LINER ABOUT DROPPING IN-- FORGET IT!
MUST BE A NEW THING IN BUSTS!-- NARCO SQUAD'S GETTIN' TRICKY!
SPLIT--
HOLD ON! WE MEAN NO HARM!
SURE YOU DON'T! AN' THE STREET'S MADE OF PISTACHIO ICE CREAM, TOO! LOOK, PIGS-- WE'RE CLEAN...
YOU HAVE A QUICK LIP, SONNY! MAYBE WE OUGHT TO JAIL YOU!
YOU PLAN TO LOCK ME UP TOO, GREEN ARROW?
SPEEDY! I CAN'T SAY I'M SURPRISED TO FIND YOU IN THIS HOLE!
YOU'RE... NOT?!

NAW... WHEN YOU VANISHED, I KNEW YOU HAD TO BE ON THE TRAIL OF BADDIES!
I FIGURED YOU WERE PLAYING UNDER-COVER AGENT!
SURE... SECRET-OPERATOR SPEEDY-- THAT'S ME! I OUGHT TO TRY OUT FOR THE FUNNY PAPERS!
HAD ANY LUCK... I MEAN... HAVE YOU LEARNED WHO'S BEHIND THE NARCOTICS RACKET?
NOT YET!
I CAN SHOW YOU!
YOU?!
I DON'T DIG MY HABIT, MAN! I WANNA SEE THE PUSHERS BEHIND BARS!
YOU CAN LOCATE THEM FOR US?
NO PROBLEM!
YOU'RE LOOKING PRETTY PALE, FELLA! NO NEED FOR YOU TO COME ALONG... SIT TIGHT!
I'LL GIVE YOU A PLAY-BY-PLAY OF THE ACTION TONIGHT!
ANYTHING YOU SAY, GREEN ARROW!

HOW'D YOU TRACE US?
WHY BOTHER ASKIN'! CHUCKY MUSTA RATTED ON US! HE'S WHITE, THAT CAT IS--
'SPECIALLY HIS LIVER! THAT'S LILY WHITE!
IF YOU WEREN'T SO PALE AND WASHED-OUT LOOKING, I'D DO A DANCE ON YOUR HEAD!
AS FOR YOUR CHUM... I'M TEMPTED TO PAY HIM BACK FOR HIS CROSSBOW MOVE-- WITH INTEREST!
STEADY, ARROW! YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO ROUGH ON THE LADS!
OH, BUZZ OFF, LANTERN! LOOK... SURE, I'M TICKED OFF AT THE PUSHERS BECAUSE THEY PREY ON WEAKNESSES--BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN MY HEART BLEEDS FOR JUNKIES!
LIFE IS TOUGH FOR EVERYONE! IF YOU WANT TO CLAIM HUMANITY, YOU DON'T CRAWL INTO A DRUGGED STUPOR!
YOU DONE PREACHIN,' MAYBE YOU WANT TO LOOK DOWN!
THE AIRFIELD... I HEARD BROWDEN SAY IT'S WHERE HE MEETS HIS SUPPLIER!
FIGURES! A PRIVATE AIRSTRIP WOULD BE PERFECT FOR RECEIVING SMUGGLED DRUGS!
THE PROBLEM IS... WE HAVE NO IDEA WHO THE SMUGGLERS ARE! THEY COULD BE PILOTS, OR--
WE CAN START AT THAT HANGAR... 'CAUSE IF THAT GUY'S NOT ON JUNK, I'M MAMA GOOSE!

IN THE HANGAR...
NICE HAUL...A SOLID TEN GRAND!
THIS'S LIKE TAKING CANDY FROM A BABY!
THE POOR DOGS'LL PAY ANY PRICE FOR A JOLT--WE GOT THE SUPPLY AND, BOY,..THEY HAVE THE DEMAND!
GOOD GUESS, LANTERN! WE FOUND THE FILTH!
IT'S A RAID! GET 'EM!
YOU ARE INDEED AN INSPIRED SORT, MISTER L!
ONE TRIES ONE'S BEST, MISTER A!
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HAVING DONE OUR RENOWNED MINSTREL NUMBER, WE'LL CART OFF TH... UNNGH!
YOU... TWERP!
LEMME GO--!
I NAILED HIM FOR YOU... GIMME A HAND WITH HIS BUDDY!
WE'LL JUST DO THAT--
A COUPLA LOVE-TAPS AND THEIR BRAINS WILL BE PAINTED ALL OVER THE FLOOR--
WAIT! I HAVE A BETTER IDEA! IS THERE ANY STUFF LEFT?
A DOZEN PACKETS, MAYBE! PURE MERCHANDISE... NOT CUT WITH TALCUM LIKE THE STUFF WE SOLD!
YOU WOULDN'T HAVE A NEEDLE ON YOU?
HUH-UH! I'M NOT DUMB ENOUGH TO PUT THAT GARBAGE IN MY VEINS!
NO MATTER... GIVE ME A PACKET!
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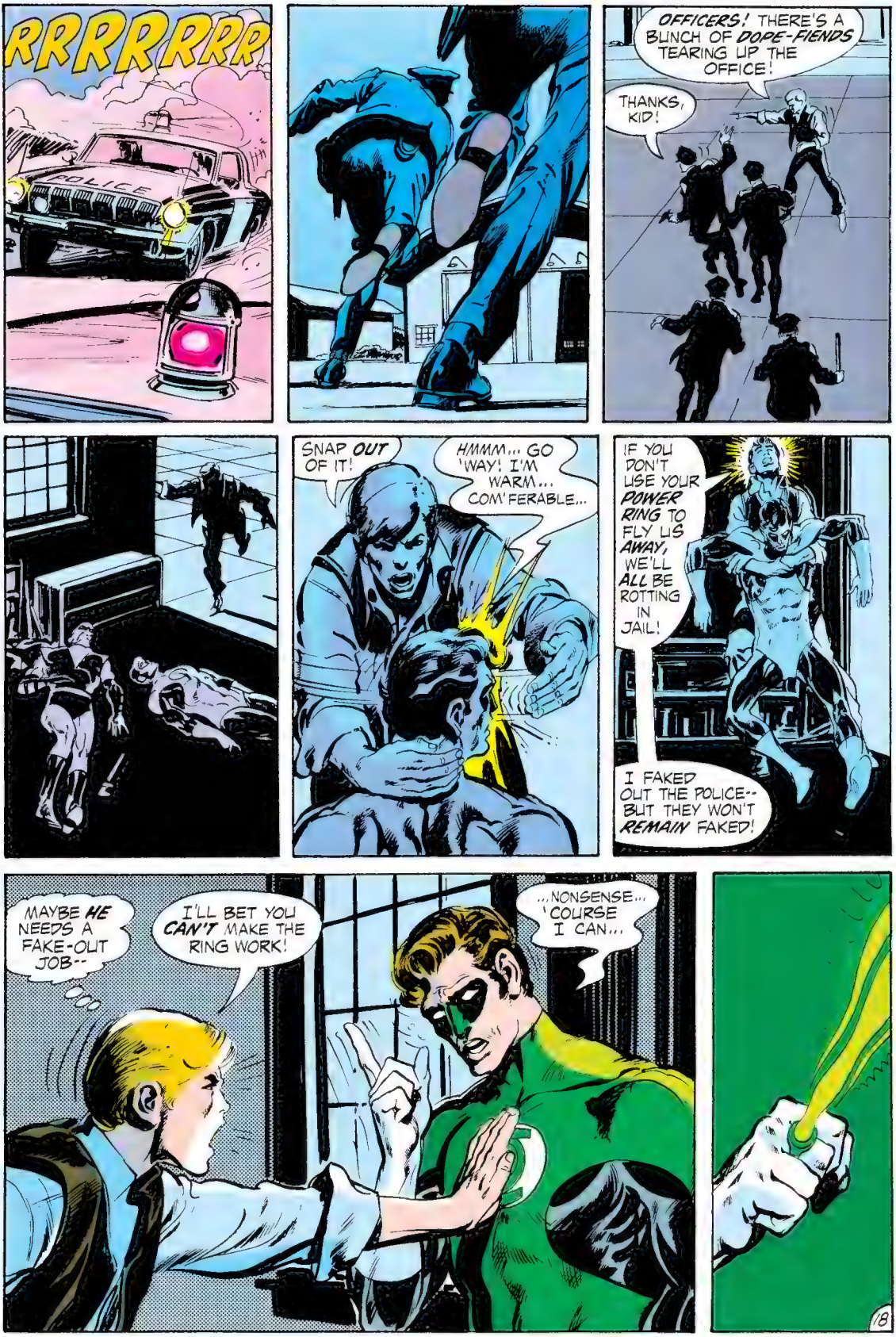
HE DOESN'T KNOW HE'S SNIFFING MERCHANDISE ANY JUNKIE IN TOWN WOULD SELL HIS MOTHER FOR!
WHEN HE WAKES, HE'LL BE ZONKED!
YOU DO THE OTHER ONE LIKEWISE WHILE I BE A GOOD CITIZEN AND PHONE MY FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD POLICEMAN!
THE COPS FIND THESE CRUSADERS HIGH ON JUNK, THEY'LL FIGURE THEY RIPPED OPEN OUR ORGANIZATION--
--PLUS IT'LL DISCREDIT THE DO-GOODERS!

HALLO... OFFICER?
THIS I DO NOT DIG!
YOU GETTIN' COLD FEET?
MAN, I DON'T WANNA SEE ANYBODY BUSTED!
BETTER THEM THAN US!

THE HEAT SHOULD BE HERE QUICK! SO WE WON'T BE!
HEY... DON'T WE GET A REWARD?

GUESS YOU DESERVE SOMETHING... WE'RE A FAIR OUTFIT! HERE... LIVE BIG!
THANKS! WE'RE ALWAYS GLAD TO HELP!


RRRRRR
POLICE
OFFICERS! THERE'S A BUNCH OF DOPE-FIENDS TEARING UP THE OFFICE!
THANKS, KID!
SNAP OUT OF IT!
HMMM... GO 'WAY! I'M WARM... COM'FERABLE...
IF YOU DON'T USE YOUR POWER RING TO FLY US AWAY, WE'LL ALL BE ROTTING IN JAIL!
I FAKED OUT THE POLICE-- BUT THEY WON'T REMAIN FAKED!
MAYBE HE NEEDS A FAKE-OUT JOB--
I'LL BET YOU CAN'T MAKE THE RING WORK!
...NONSENSE... 'COURSE I CAN...
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ONCE AGAIN, GREEN LANTERN POURS WILL POWER INTO THE MYSTERIOUS GREEN GEM... A WILL POWER SICKENED BY THE CHEMICALS POLLUTING HIS BLOOD!
A SHIMMERING SHAPE BEGINS TO FORM-- A TWISTED, HIDEOUS CARICATURE OF HIMSELF! THE TWILIGHT TRUTH OF THE DRUG TRANSFORMED INTO IMMEDIATE, TANGIBLE REALITY BY THE RING... SLAVERING, HUNGRY, MONSTROUS!

THAT... BEAST... IS ME-- AS I AM NOW--!
--AND IT SEEKS TO DEVOUR US!
NO--NO! I'LL BE A MAN-- NO MONSTER!
I'LL BE... FREE!
NICE GOING, GREEN LANTERN! IT WAS PRETTY HAIRY FOR A MINUTE...
QUIET! DON'T DISTRACT ME--OR I WON'T BE ABLE TO STAY ALOFT!

SOON, AT GREEN ARROW'S TENEMENT APARTMENT--
YUCK!--I FEEL LIKE TWO HUNDRED POUNDS OF BOILED INNER TUBE!
BROTHER--WHY DO PEOPLE USE THAT STUFF?!
LANTERN, CHUM... WE DUMPED IT!
WE LOST THE BADDIES... WE LOST THE EVIDENCE...WE WERE SUCKERED BY SLIMY JUNKIES!
BOY OH BOY... A DANDY PAIR OF CRIME-FIGHTERS WE ARE!
IF SPEEDY HADN'T DEDUCED WHERE THOSE PUNKS WERE TAKING US, AND FOLLOWED...
...THE LAW WOULD HAVE HEAVED US INTO THE CLINK--AND SWALLOWED THE KEY!
I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND...WHY PEOPLE WANT TO POISON THEMSELVES WITH HEROIN... PILLS... THE WHOLE SICK-BAG!
MAYBE I CAN THROW SOME LIGHT ON THE REASON, GL!
SAY A YOUNG CAT HAS SOMEONE HE RESPECTS--LOOKS UP TO...AN OLDER MAN!
AND SAY THE OLDER MAN LEAVES...CHASES AROUND THE COUNTRY... GETS INVOLVED WITH OTHERS AND IGNORES HIS YOUNG FRIEND! THEN...THE GUY MIGHT NEED A SUBSTITUTE FOR FRIENDSHIP--
--HE MIGHT SEEK IT IN--JUNK!

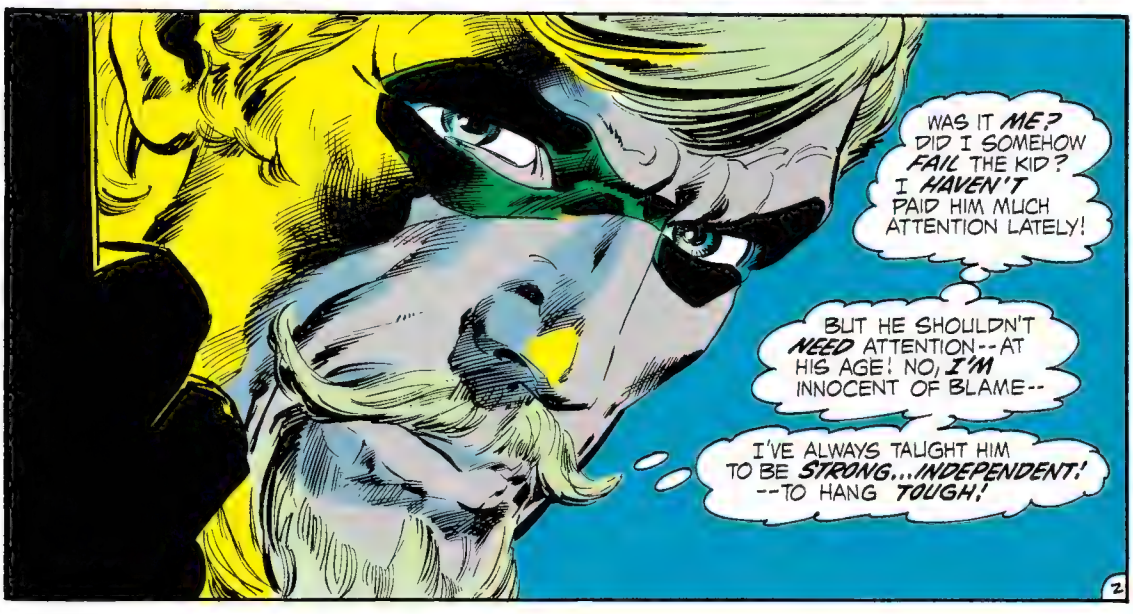
GEE, SPEEDY--ALL YOUR TALE LACKS IS VIOLIN MUSIC! I'M TOUCHED... MY STOMACH IS--
--BECAUSE EVERY-TIME I HEAR A SOB STORY, I ALMOST LOSE MY LUNCH!
YOU'RE WELCOME TO SLEEP ON OUR COUCH, LANTERN!
NO! I CAN GET HOME! SEE YOU IN THE MORNING--WE'LL CONTINUE CHASING THOSE CRUDS!
RIGHT! I'LL WORK VERY HARD ON CANNING THAT CREW--THEIR RACKET STINKS--AND THEY MADE FOOLS OF US!
OH, DEAR GOD! YOU ARE ON DRUGS!
YOU'RE REALLY A JUNKIE?
WHO ELSE DID YOU THINK I WAS TALKING ABOUT?
SPEEDY! I'M GONNA COOK SOME OF MY SPECIAL "SCORCH-YOUR MOUTH" CHILI...
-- CAN I INTEREST YOU IN A BOWL?
IT DOESN'T END YET... IT CAN'T! NEXT ISSUE-- THE MOST SHATTERING CONCLUSION EVER!

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE HONORABLE JOHN V. LINDSAY
MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY

"THEY SAY IT'LL KILL ME... BUT THEY WON'T SAY WHEN!"
FOR A MOMENT HE REFUSED TO BELIEVE IT! SEEING HIS WARD SPEEDY ABOUT TO PLUNGE A NEEDLE INTO HIS ARM, GREEN ARROW STOOD STUNNED, STRIVING TO COMPREHEND! AND NOW, HE ERUPTS INTO HOT FURY--!
YOU'RE A LOUSY JUNKIE-- NO BETTER THAN THE REST OF THE SNIVELING PUNKS!
IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU SEE IT, ARROW--!
GO AHEAD,, HIT ME! MAYBE THAT'LL MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER!
Story by: Denny O'Neil
Art by: Neal Adams & Dick Giordano
Edited by: Julius Schwartz

MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT!
WANT TO DO IT AGAIN? OR HAVE YOU PROVEN TO YOURSELF THAT YOU'RE STRONGER THAN US WEAKLINGS--?
A BIG MAN LIKE YOU DOESN'T NEED DRUGS, DOES HE? YOU GET HIGH ON YOUR OWN SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS!

SHUT UP! I'M NOT INTERESTED IN EXCUSES! I'M NOT INTERESTED IN YOU! NOT ANY MORE!
JUST... GET OUT!
DON'T WORRY... I'M GOING!


WAS IT ME? DID I SOMEHOW FAIL THE KID? I HAVEN'T PAID HIM MUCH ATTENTION LATELY!
BUT HE SHOULDN'T NEED ATTENTION--AT HIS AGE! NO, I'M INNOCENT OF BLAME--
I'VE ALWAYS TAUGHT HIM TO BE STRONG...INDEPENDENT! --TO HANG TOUGH!

IT'S THOSE VERMIN... THE PUSHERS! WELL, I'LL PERSONALLY MAKE THEM PAY--
...AND IF A COUPLE OF THEM HAPPEN TO GET HURT... I WON'T COMPLAIN!
SPEEDY'S JUNKIE FRIENDS TOOK US TO A PRIVATE AIRFIELD-- RIGHT INTO A TRAP!*
SO THAT'S WHERE I START!
*NOTE: "SNOWBIRDS DON'T FLY" IN GREEN LANTERN-ARROW #85!
MEANWHILE, AT GREEN ARROW'S APARTMENT--
MIGHT AS WELL LET OUR BUDDY COP ONTO THIS GOOD STUFF WE GOT!
YEAH... HEY--SPEEDY! --YOU HERE?
MAN, LOOKS LIKE THERE WAS A HASSLE!
AND LOOK WHAT GOT LEFT BEHIND! SPEEDY'S WORKS!
TIME TO GET OFF AGAIN, YOU THINK?
UH-HUH, MAN! PASS A CHANCE, YOU'LL ALWAYS BE ONE BEHIND, IS THIS BLACK BOYS MOTTO!
FIXIN' UP ENOUGH FOR BOTH OF US?
I DON'T KNOW... I'M NOT USED TO FIXIN' PURE STUFF! USUALLY IT'S CUT!
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I'LL TAKE THE FIRST HIT! THEN YOU CAN FIGURE THE RIGHT AMOUNT FOR YOU!
MMM...IN A MINUTE, I'M GONNA BE FLYING!
DON'T NEED FOOD... DON'T NEED GIRLS--JUST OL' MAMA SPIKE INTO THE MAINLINE!
YOU OKAY?
OH, YEAH... YEAH! NICE... TINGLY... A TON OF FIRE RIPPING THROUGH ME! DIG IT-- I'M SO FAR UP, I'M NOWHERE--
NOWHERE--
HEY, MAN... WHAT'S HAPPENIN'? TALK TO ME!
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OH MY GOD...!
HE OVERDOSED!
...HE'S...DEAD!
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AN HOUR LATER, IN HAL JORDAN'S HOTEL ROOM...
SOMETHING ABOUT SPEEDY IS BOTHERING ME... CAN'T QUITE PUT MY FINGER ON IT!
--SOMETHING ABOUT THE WAY HE LOOKED WHEN HE WAS EXPLAINING WHY SOME YOUNGSTERS TURN TO DRUGS!
MIGHT AS WELL FACE IT! I WON'T GET ANY SLEEP TILL I FIND OUT WHAT'S BUGGING MY SUB-CONSCIOUS!
GREEN LANTERN CAN DO THAT FASTER THAN PLAIN OLD HAL!
IN BRIGHTEST DAY, IN BLACKEST NIGHT, NO EVIL SHALL ESCAPE MY SIGHT! LET THOSE WHO WORSHIP EVIL'S MIGHT, BEWARE MY POWER-- GREEN LANTERN'S LIGHT!
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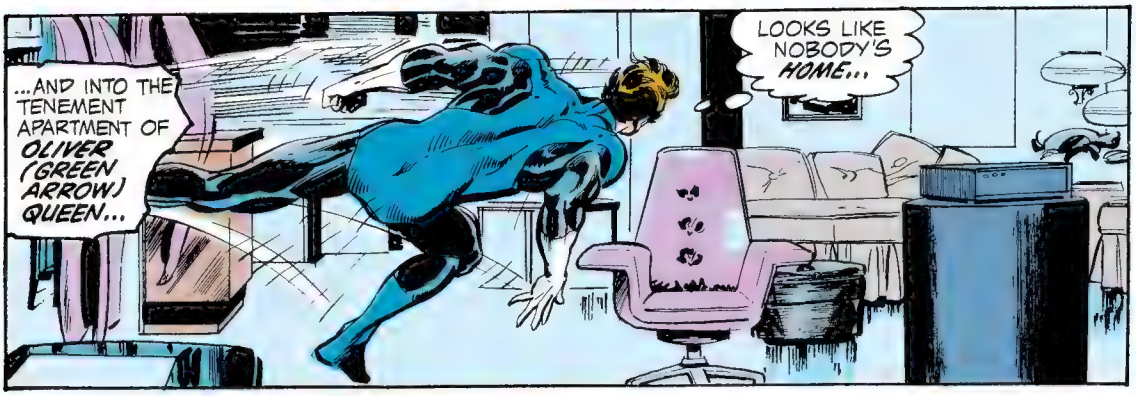
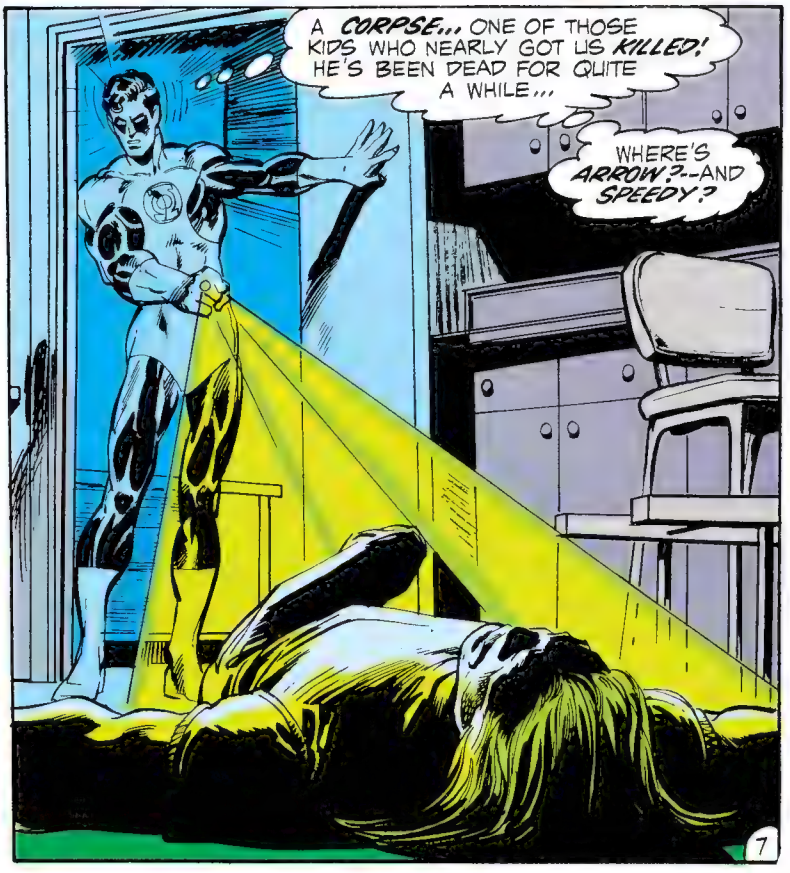
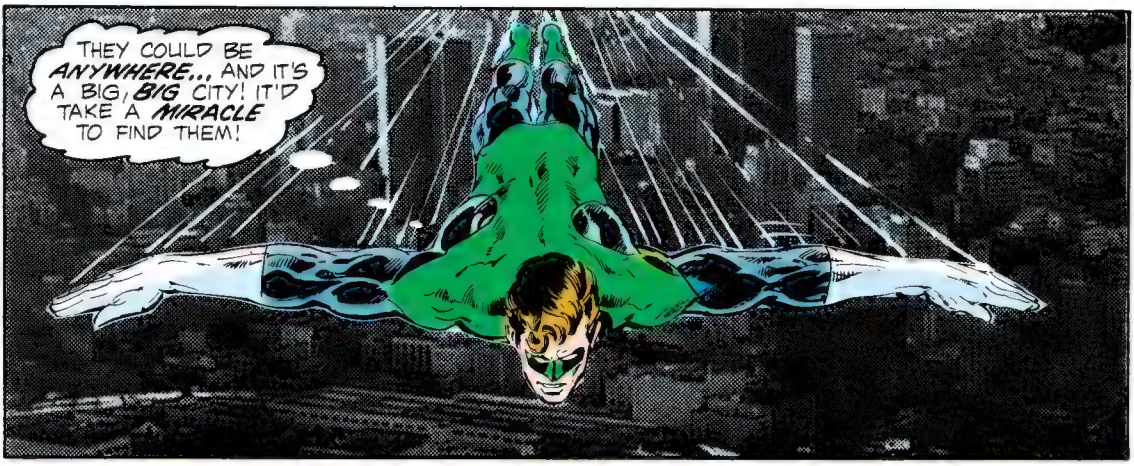
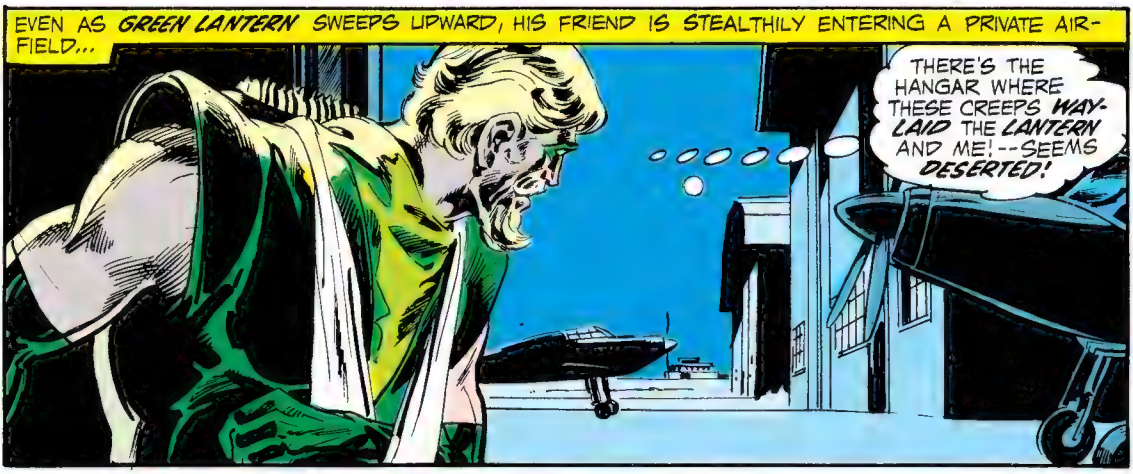
ONCE AGAIN THE EMERALD GLADIATOR STREAKS ACROSS THE NIGHT-SHROUDED SKY...

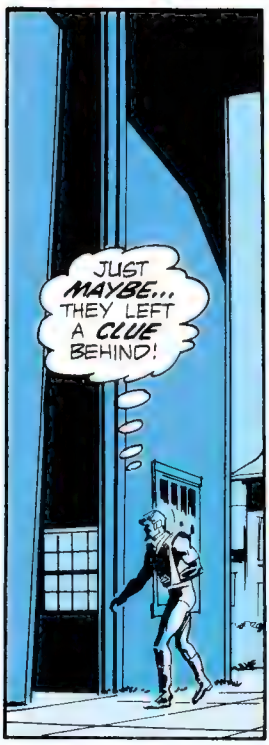

...AND INTO THE TENEMENT APARTMENT OF OLIVER (GREEN ARROW) QUEEN...
LOOKS LIKE NOBODY'S HOME...

MMM... ODD SMELL IN THE AIR!--A STINK OF... DECAY! I'M SURE GA WON'T MIND IF I SORT OF INSPECT THE PREMISES--
MY RING MAKES A FINE FLASHLIGHT!
SOMEBODY'S LYING ON THE FLOOR--!


A CORPSE... ONE OF THOSE KIDS WHO NEARLY GOT US KILLED! HE'S BEEN DEAD FOR QUITE A WHILE...
WHERE'S ARROW?--AND SPEEDY?


THEY COULD BE ANYWHERE... AND IT'S A BIG, BIG CITY! IT'D TAKE A MIRACLE TO FIND THEM!


EVEN AS GREEN LANTERN SWEEPS UPWARD, HIS FRIEND IS STEALTHILY ENTERING A PRIVATE AIR-FIELD...
THERE'S THE HANGAR WHERE THESE CREEPS WAY-LAID THE LANTERN AND ME!--SEEMS DESERTED!

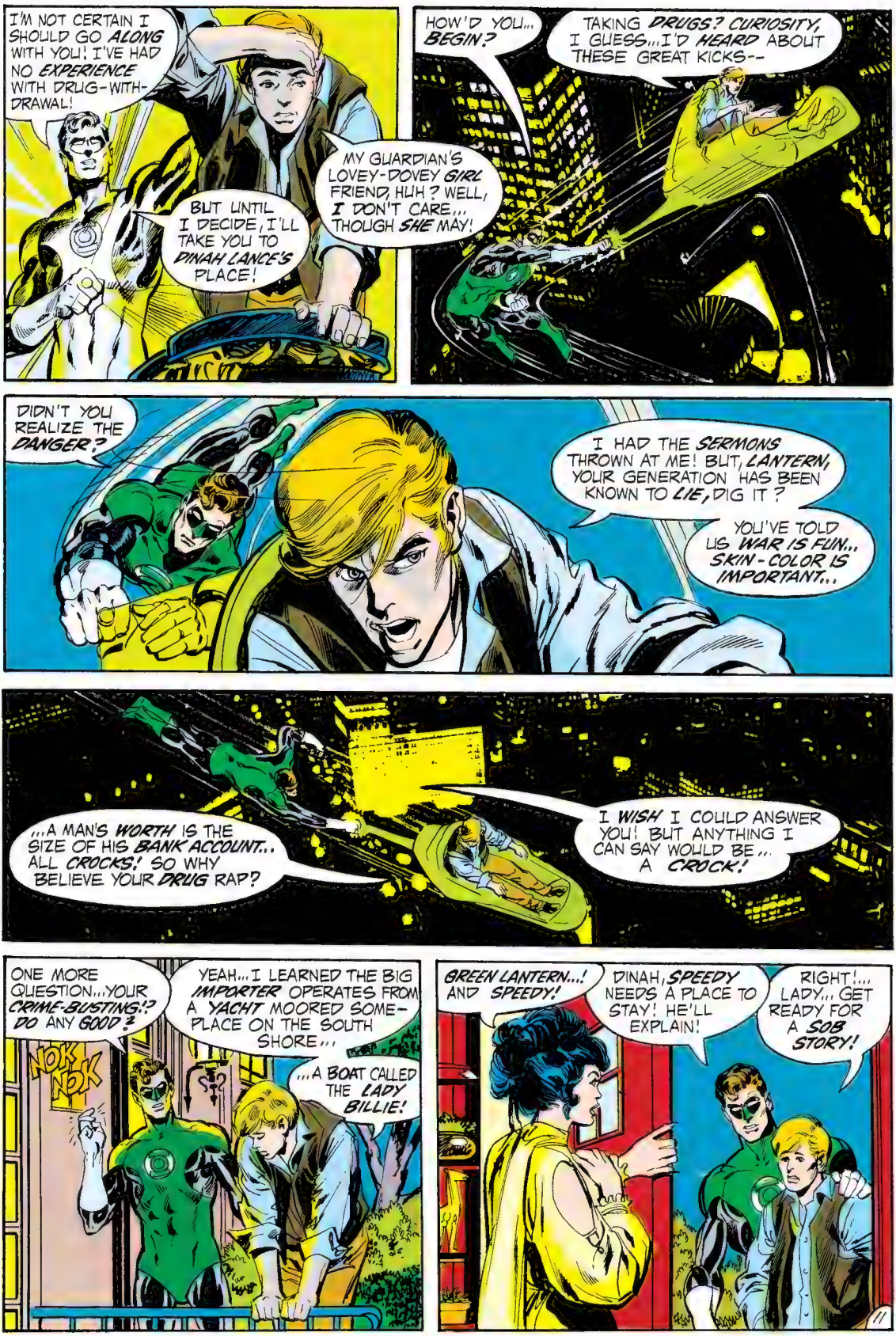

JUST MAYBE... THEY LEFT A CLUE BEHIND!

PROBLEM IS, I'M NOT SURE WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR!
HEY...! FANCY-PANTS--

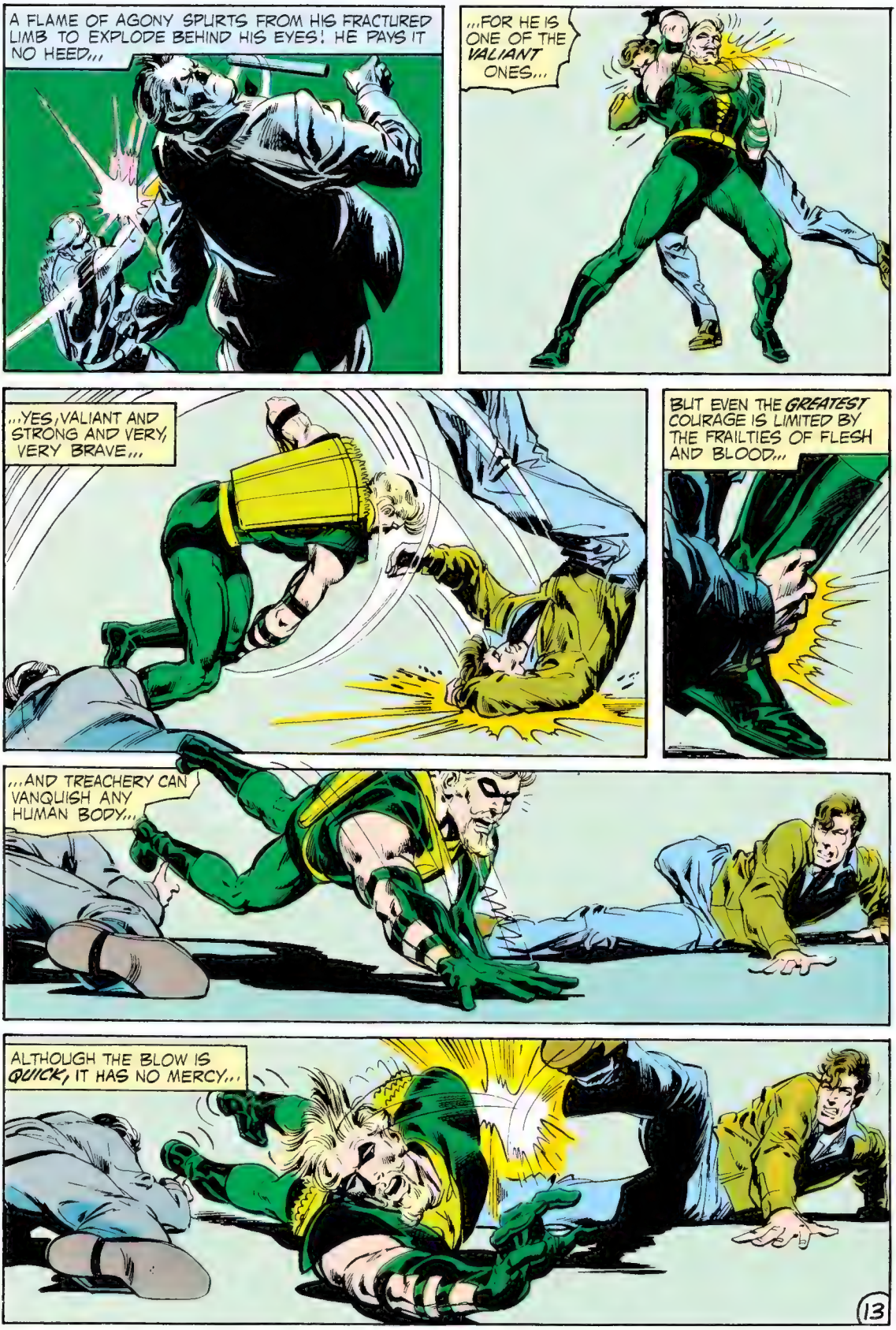
AIN'T NOBODY ALLOWED IN HERE WITHOUT THEY HAVE PERMISSION! YOU HOLDING SOME PERMISSION, TROT IT OUT!
EASY WITH THE GUN, MISTER! POINT IT IN ANOTHER DIRECTION AND I'LL SHOW YOU MY REASON FOR COMING IN--

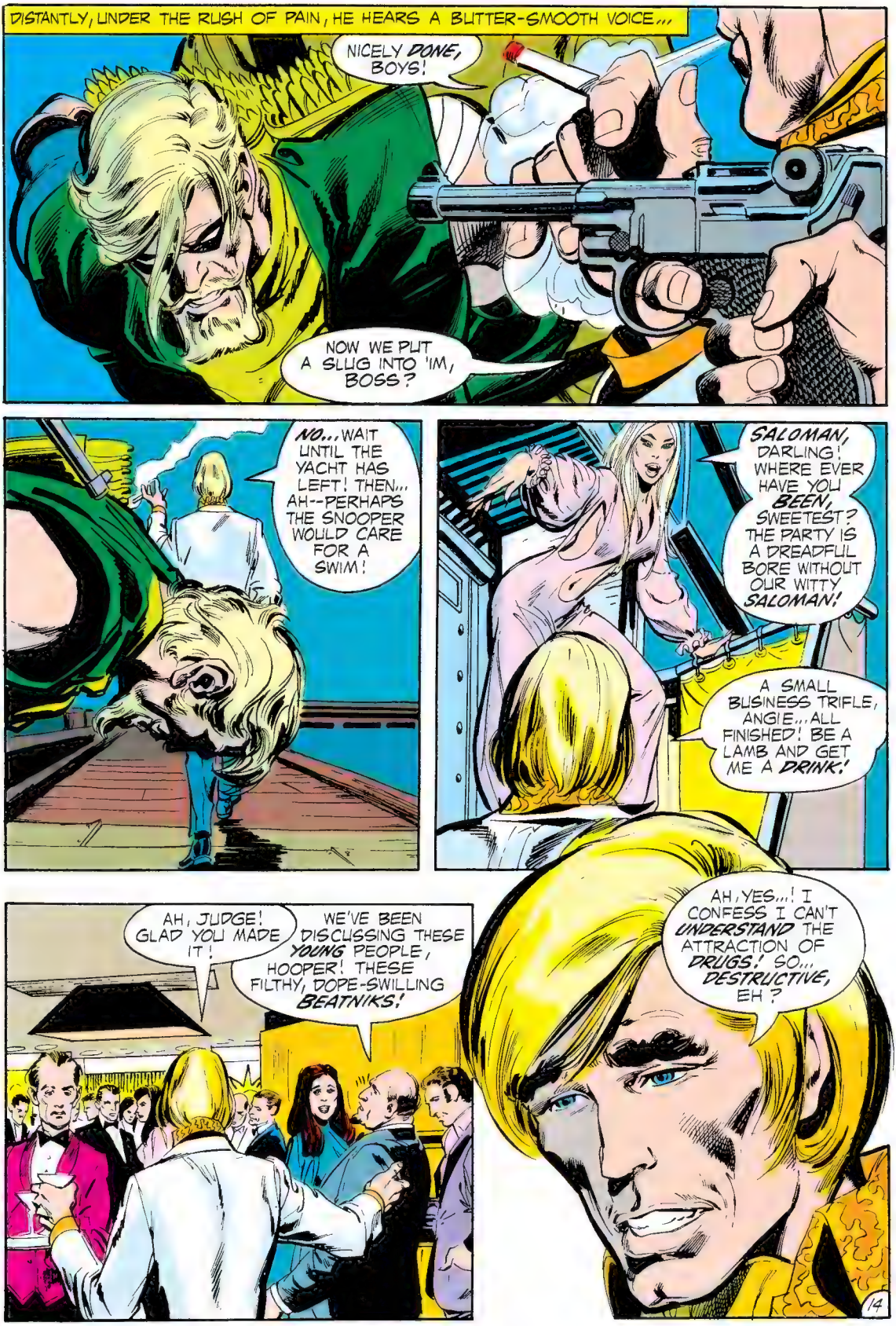
THIS! I HAPPEN TO GET MY JOLLIES STUBBING MY TOE!
I'M ALSO FOND OF BRUISED KNUCKLES!
WANT ME TO BRUISE A FEW MORE? OR ARE YOU WILLING TO TELL ME WHO OWNS THIS JOINT?
I DUNNO.., HONEST!-- ONLY THAT HE LIVES ON SOME KINDA BOAT.., PIER SIXTEEN ON THE SOUTH SHORE MARINA!
I'LL CHECK THAT! IF I FIND YOU'VE LIED...
NAW.., I TOLD YA THE TRUTH!-- HONEST!
HELLO, BOSS?! HE FELL FER IT LIKE A TON OF BRICKS!
I THOUGHT ONE OF THOSE SNOOPERS MIGHT BE BACK!
YOU'VE DONE WELL! THERE WILL BE AN EXTRA THOUSAND IN YOUR PAY ENVELOPE!

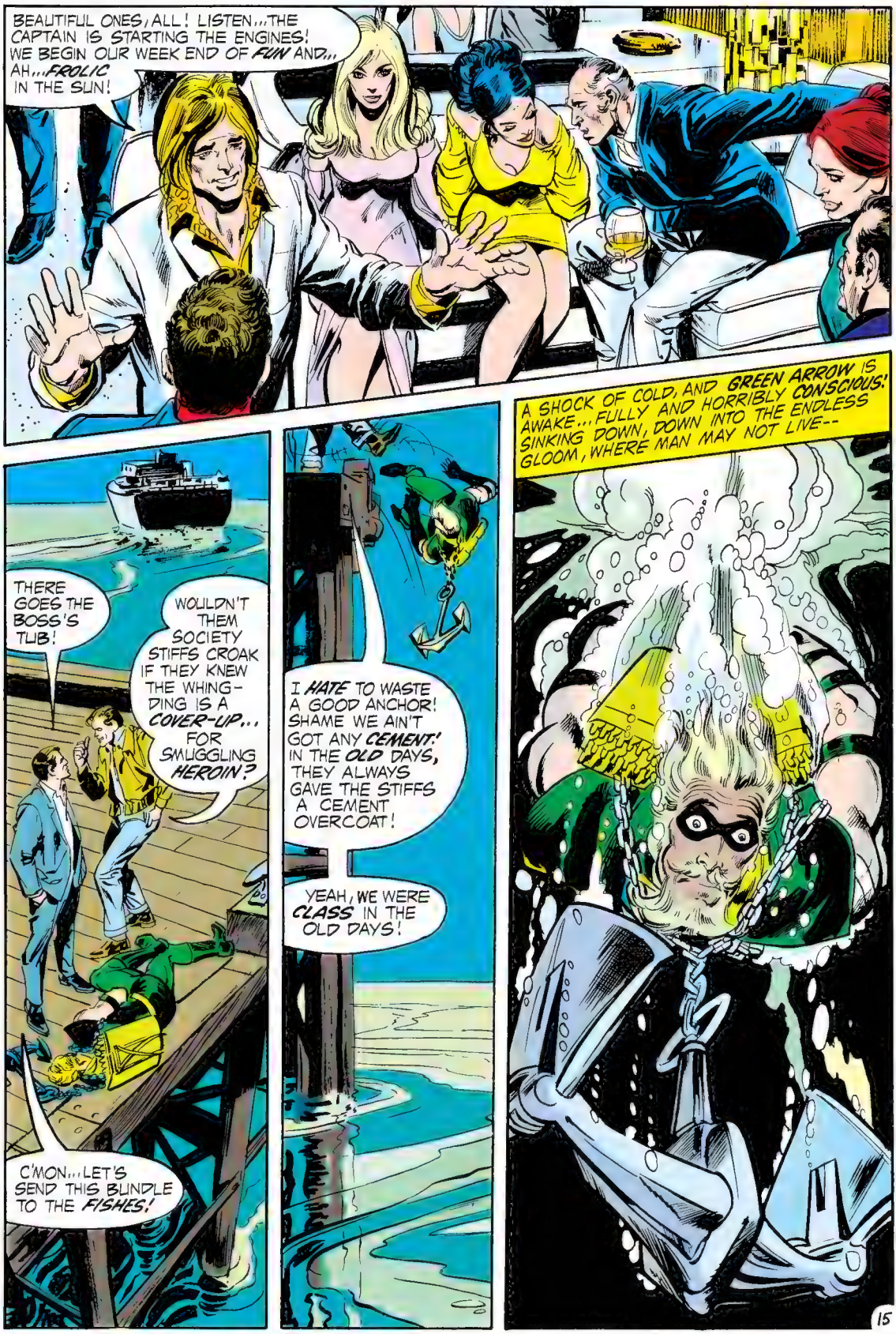
AND, IN THE CITY...
I'VE BEEN FLITTING AROUND LIKE A DERVISH... ACCOMPLISHING ZERO!
MUST THINK...! BEGIN SOMEWHERE... THE ATTIC IN CHINATOWN WILL DO!
WE FOUND SPEEDY THERE ONCE...
...I MIGHT BE LUCKY TWICE!
UNNNN...
SOMEBODY BEHIND THOSE GARBAGE CANS ...MOANING!
SPEEDY--! YOU OKAY, FELLA?
S-SURE... I'M FINE! G-GUT'S ON FIRE... CHILLS... HANDS SHAKING...
...YEAH... I'M IN GREAT SHAPE!
WHAT'S WRONG? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE... IN THIS ALLEY?
WHAT'S WRONG IS, I'M A ROTTEN JUNKIE! NEED A FIX!--CAME TO CHINATOWN...? CAN'T REMEMBER WHY! MIND'S MUDDLED... CAN'T REASON!
I'LL GET YOU TO A DOCTOR!
NO! GONNA KICK... HABIT... BY MYSELF!-- PROVE TO MY HIGH-AND-MIGHTY GUARDIAN I'M STRONG AS HE IS...
THEN... GONNA LAUGH IN HIS FACE!

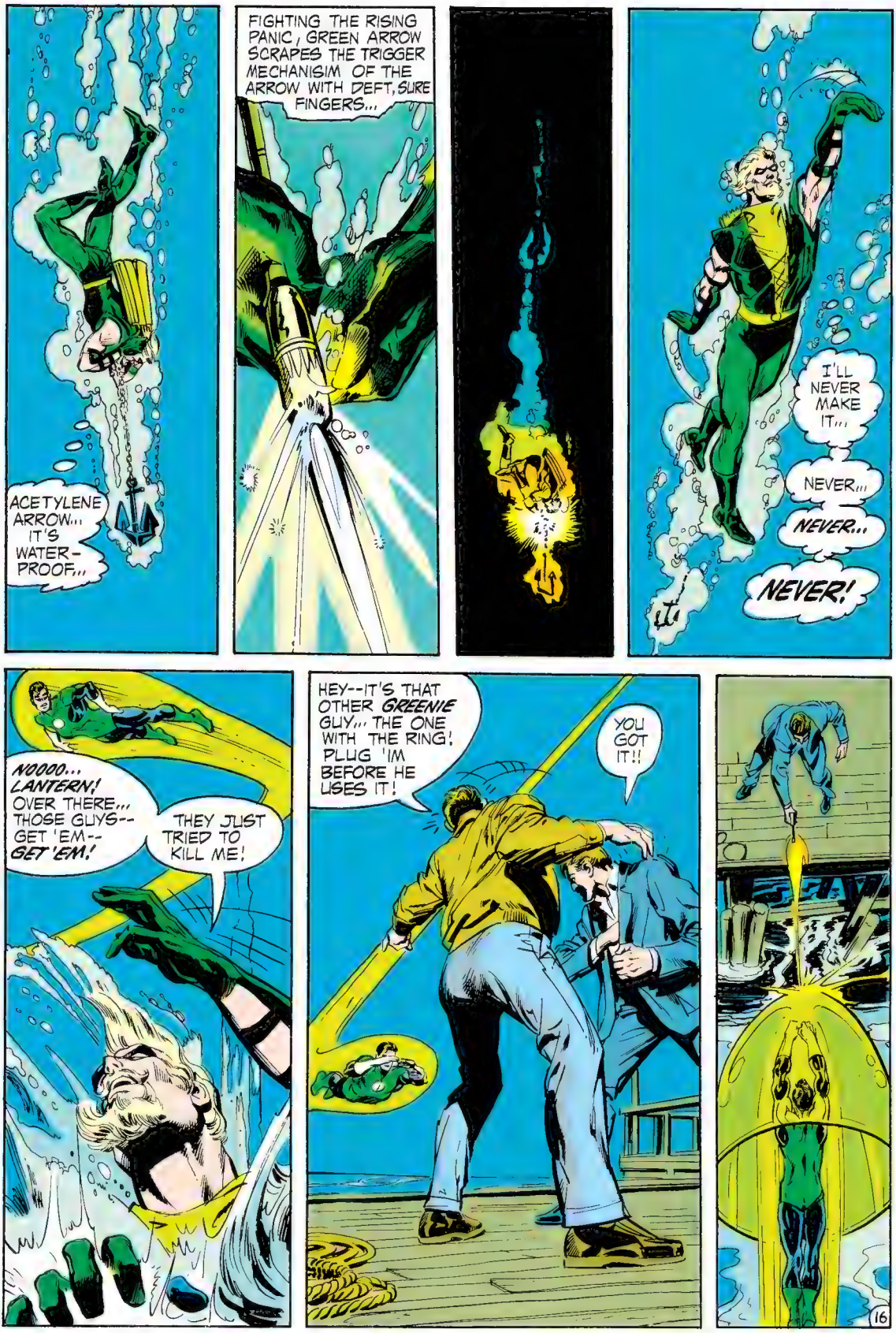

I'M NOT CERTAIN I SHOULD GO ALONG WITH YOU! I'VE HAD NO EXPERIENCE WITH DRUG-WITH-DRAWAL!
BUT UNTIL I DECIDE, I'LL TAKE YOU TO DINAH LANCE'S PLACE!
MY GUARDIAN'S LOVEY-DOVEY GIRL FRIEND, HUH? WELL, I DON'T CARE... THOUGH SHE MAY!
HOW'D YOU... BEGIN?
TAKING DRUGS? CURIOSITY, I GUESS... I'D HEARD ABOUT THESE GREAT KICKS--
DIDN'T YOU REALIZE THE DANGER?
I HAD THE SERMONS THROWN AT ME! BUT, LANTERN, YOUR GENERATION HAS BEEN KNOWN TO LIE, DIG IT?
YOU'VE TOLD US WAR IS FUN... SKIN-COLOR IS IMPORTANT...
...A MAN'S WORTH IS THE SIZE OF HIS BANK ACCOUNT... ALL CROCKS! SO WHY BELIEVE YOUR DRUG RAP?
I WISH I COULD ANSWER YOU! BUT ANYTHING I CAN SAY WOULD BE... A CROCK!
ONE MORE QUESTION... YOUR CRIME-BUSTING!? DO ANY GOOD?
YEAH... I LEARNED THE BIG IMPORTER OPERATES FROM A YACHT MOORED SOME-PLACE ON THE SOUTH SHORE...
...A BOAT CALLED THE LADY BILLIE!
NOK NOK
GREEN LANTERN...! AND SPEEDY!
DINAH, SPEEDY NEEDS A PLACE TO STAY! HE'LL EXPLAIN!
RIGHT!... LADY... GET READY FOR A SOB STORY!

MEANWHILE, AT A MILLIONAIRE'S HAUNT ON A VERY RESTRICTED STRETCH OF OCEAN-FRONT...
PIER SIXTEEN... BUT THE ONLY BOAT I SEE IS AS BIG AS A DESTROYER--
AND JUDGING FROM THE MUSIC AND LAUGHTER COMING FROM IT, THERE'S A WHALE OF A BASH GOING ON!
THAT GUY AT THE AIRFIELD MAY HAVE BEEN HANDING ME A LOAD OF BULL--
'SCUSE ME, BO! GOT A MATCH?
SORRY! DON'T USE 'EM... I PREFER AIR IN MY LUNGS!
DON'T I KNOW YOU?-- YOU'RE ONE OF THE DOPE-DEALERS!--
GO TO THE HEAD OF THE CLASS!
HIT 'IM
INSTINCTIVELY, THE ARCHER DUCKS... AND ALMOST AVOIDS THE PIPE AIMED AT HIS SKULL!--ALMOST... BUT NOT QUITE--!
CHUK
OWWW!
TAKE... THE PAIR OF YOU TOUGHIES... TO HANDLE A SINGLE ME?... WITH A BAD ARM?
STOP IT 'FORE WE CRY!
SLUG 'IM AGAIN... AND MAKE IT STICK!


A FLAME OF AGONY SPURTS FROM HIS FRACTURED LIMB TO EXPLODE BEHIND HIS EYES! HE PAYS IT NO HEED...
...FOR HE IS ONE OF THE VALIANT ONES...
...YES, VALIANT AND STRONG AND VERY, VERY BRAVE...
BUT EVEN THE GREATEST COURAGE IS LIMITED BY THE FRAILTIES OF FLESH AND BLOOD...
...AND TREACHERY CAN VANQUISH ANY HUMAN BODY...
ALTHOUGH THE BLOW IS QUICK, IT HAS NO MERCY...


DISTANTLY, UNDER THE RUSH OF PAIN, HE HEARS A BUTTER-SMOOTH VOICE...
NICELY DONE, BOYS!
NOW WE PUT A SLUG INTO 'IM, BOSS?
NO... WAIT UNTIL THE YACHT HAS LEFT! THEN... AH--PERHAPS THE SNOOPER WOULD CARE FOR A SWIM!
SALOMAN, DARLING! WHERE EVER HAVE YOU BEEN, SWEETEST? THE PARTY IS A DREADFUL BORE WITHOUT OUR WITTY SALOMAN!
A SMALL BUSINESS TRIFLE, ANGIE... ALL FINISHED! BE A LAMB AND GET ME A DRINK!
AH, JUDGE! GLAD YOU MADE IT!
WE'VE BEEN DISCUSSING THESE YOUNG PEOPLE, HOOPER! THESE FILTHY, DOPE-SWILLING BEATNIKS!
AH, YES...! I CONFESS I CAN'T UNDERSTAND THE ATTRACTION OF DRUGS! SO... DESTRUCTIVE, EH?


BEAUTIFUL ONES, ALL! LISTEN...THE CAPTAIN IS STARTING THE ENGINES! WE BEGIN OUR WEEK END OF FUN AND... AH...FROLIC IN THE SUN!
THERE GOES THE BOSS'S TUB!
WOULDN'T THEM SOCIETY STIFFS CROAK IF THEY KNEW THE WHING-DING IS A COVER-UP... FOR SMUGGLING HEROIN?
C'MON...LET'S SEND THIS BUNDLE TO THE FISHES!
I HATE TO WASTE A GOOD ANCHOR! SHAME WE AIN'T GOT ANY CEMENT! IN THE OLD DAYS, THEY ALWAYS GAVE THE STIFFS A CEMENT OVERCOAT!
YEAH, WE WERE CLASS IN THE OLD DAYS!
A SHOCK OF COLD, AND GREEN ARROW IS AWAKE... FULLY AND HORRIBLY CONSCIOUS! SINKING DOWN, DOWN INTO THE ENDLESS GLOOM, WHERE MAN MAY NOT LIVE--


ACETYLENE ARROW... IT'S WATER-PROOF...
FIGHTING THE RISING PANIC, GREEN ARROW SCRAPES THE TRIGGER MECHANISIM OF THE ARROW WITH DEFT, SURE FINGERS...
I'LL NEVER MAKE IT...
NEVER...
NEVER...
NEVER!
NOOOO... LANTERN! OVER THERE... THOSE GUYS-- GET 'EM-- GET 'EM!
THEY JUST TRIED TO KILL ME!
HEY--IT'S THAT OTHER GREENIE GUY... THE ONE WITH THE RING! PLUG 'IM BEFORE HE USES IT!
YOU GOT IT!!
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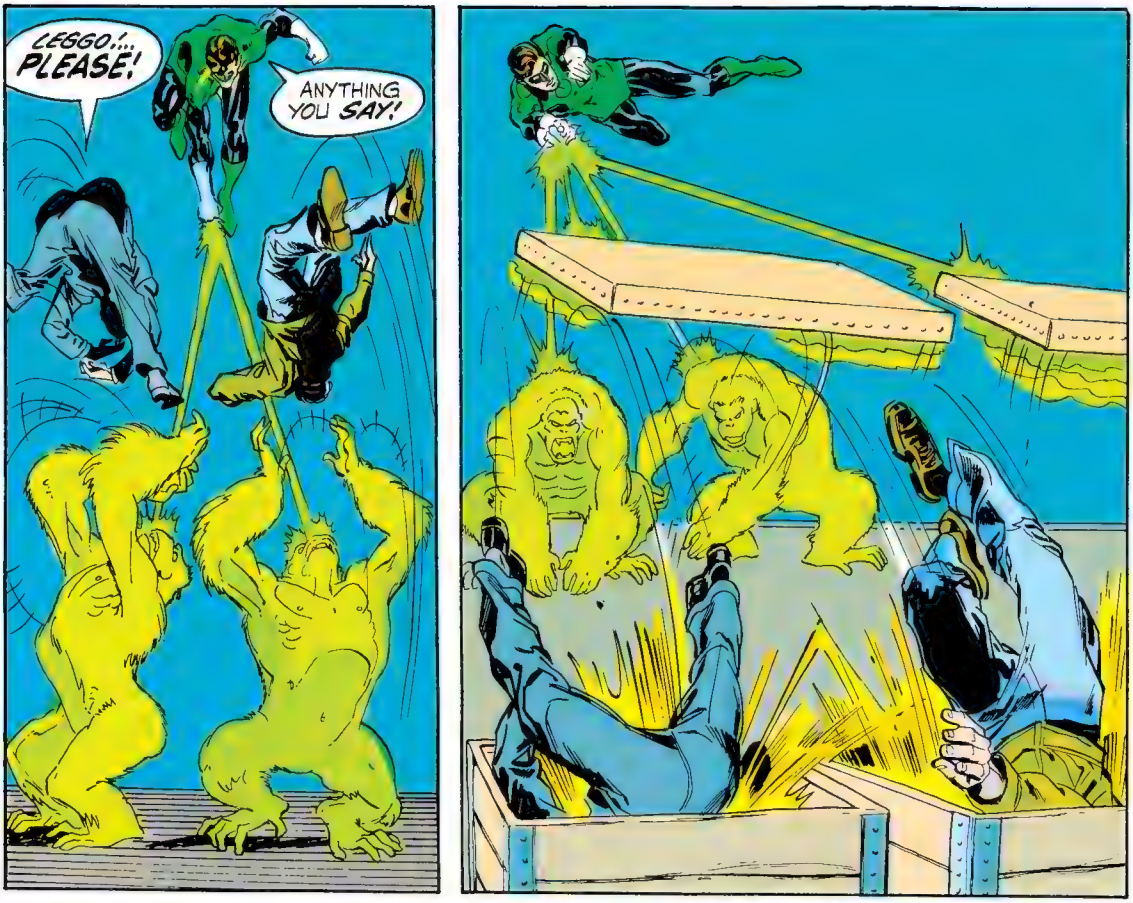
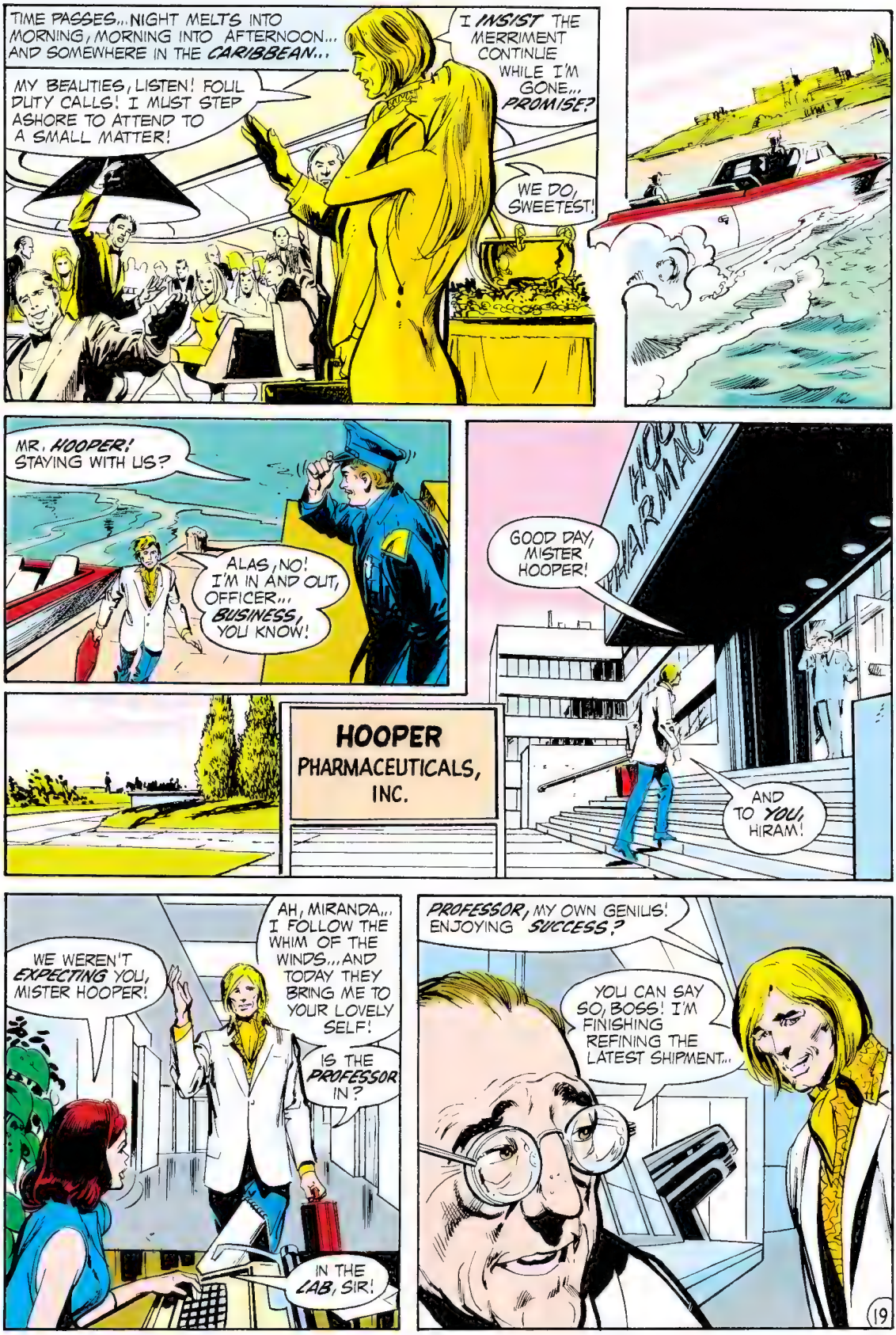

LEGGO!... PLEASE!
ANYTHING YOU SAY!

GORGEOUS ACTION THERE, PAL! YOU'LL BE A HERO YET!
MY PLEASURE!... THEY'LL SLEEP THE SLEEP OF THE SCUM... AND AWAKE IN A CELL! HOW DO YOU FEEL?

WET, COLD, HURT... AND WONDERFUL! I'M ALIVE... NO BETTER FEELING THAN THAT! HOW'D YOU HAPPEN TO GET HERE?
SPEEDY PUT ME ON THE TRAIL! I SIMPLY SEARCHED THE AREA...
IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS... BUT, ARROW--THE KID NEEDS HELP--BAD!

LE'ME ALONE, WILL 'YA? F'R GOD'S SAKE!
THE NIGHT IS LONG... FULL OF A BOY'S PAIN--AND A WOMAN'S PITY...


TIME PASSES... NIGHT MELTS INTO MORNING, MORNING INTO AFTERNOON... AND SOMEWHERE IN THE CARIBBEAN...
MY BEAUTIES, LISTEN! FOUL DUTY CALLS! I MUST STEP ASHORE TO ATTEND TO A SMALL MATTER!
I INSIST THE MERRIMENT CONTINUE WHILE I'M GONE... PROMISE?
WE DO, SWEETEST!
MR. HOOPER! STAYING WITH US?
ALAS, NO! I'M IN AND OUT, OFFICER... BUSINESS, YOU KNOW!
GOOD DAY, MISTER HOOPER!
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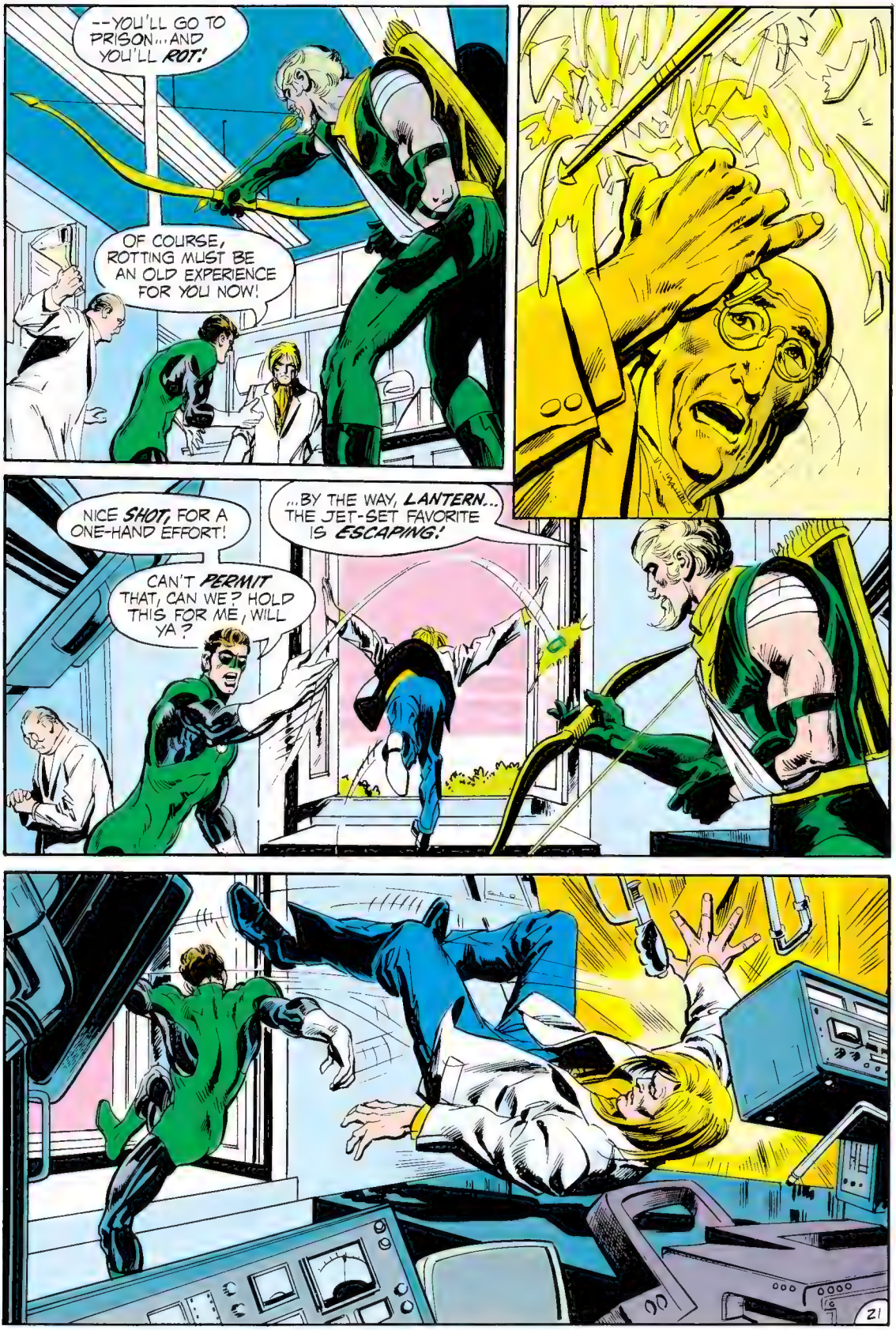
AND TO YOU, HIRAM!
WE WEREN'T EXPECTING YOU, MISTER HOOPER!
AH, MIRANDA... I FOLLOW THE WHIM OF THE WINDS... AND TODAY THEY BRING ME TO YOUR LOVELY SELF!
IS THE PROFESSOR IN?
IN THE LAB, SIR!
PROFESSOR, MY OWN GENIUS! ENJOYING SUCCESS?
YOU CAN SAY SO, BOSS! I'M FINISHING REFINING THE LATEST SHIPMENT...

...REAL HIGH-GRADE DOPE!--ENOUGH TO NET YOU PLENTY!
MORE THAN PLENTY, MY DEAR PROFESSOR...
--WHEN WE CUT IT AND RETAIL IT TO THOSE SAD FOOLS, OUR CUSTOMERS!
BE A GEM--HELP ME PACK IT!
ISN'T IT DANGEROUS ...CARRYING THE STUFF YOURSELF?
NO, NO... I AM SALOMAN HOOPER--A MOST RESPECTABLE MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY!
NO CRASS POLICEMAN WOULD DARE SUSPECT ME, THE CHAP WHO ENTERTAINS SENATORS--JUDGES!
PLANNING TO BET ON THAT?
GREEN LANTERN--? IMPOSSIBLE!-- HOW?
YOUR STOOGES WERE ABSOLUTELY ANXIOUS TO TALK, HOOPER!
YOU'VE HAD A NIFTY CAREER, HAVEN'T YOU? WALLOWING IN LUXURY...WHILE YOUR VICTIMS SUFFERED.. AND ENDED THEIR WRETCHED EXISTENCES ON SLABS!
WELL, IT'S OVER... YOUR SENATOR FRIENDS WILL TURN ON YOU... YOUR PET JUDGES WILL SENTENCE YOU...


--YOU'LL GO TO PRISON... AND YOU'LL ROT!
OF COURSE, ROTTING MUST BE AN OLD EXPERIENCE FOR YOU NOW!
NICE SHOT, FOR A ONE-HAND EFFORT!
...BY THE WAY, LANTERN... THE JET-SET FAVORITE IS ESCAPING!
CAN'T PERMIT THAT, CAN WE? HOLD THIS FOR ME, WILL YA?
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YOU ASKED FOR THIS, FOOL... I HAPPEN TO BE...
I KNOW-- I KNOW!
YOU HAPPEN TO BE INTER-COLLEGIATE BOXING CHAMP!
I'VE HEARD THE LINE A MILLION TIMES ON THE LATE SHOW!
UNNNN!
HEY, LANTERN, HE'S REALLY HURT... BAD! WE'D BETTER CALL A DOCTOR!
YOU'D BETTER WATCH THAT "BLIND JUSTICE" STUFF!
I NEVER PRETENDED TO REPRESENT JUSTICE, OLIVER! BUT WHEN I THINK ABOUT ALL THE PAIN HE'S CAUSED, I CAN'T SAY I'M SORRY HE HURTS!

IT IS A GRIM EVENING, A WEEK LATER. THE FIRST CHILL OF AUTUMN TOUCHES UPON A PLACE OF THE DEAD, AND UPON THOSE WHO MOURN...
UNTO THY CARE WE COMMEND HIS SPIRIT...
MY SON... MY CHILD!
MRS. SOO... WE MUST... CLOSE THE COFFIN!
AT LEAST, WE CAUGHT HIS MURDERERS!
HOORAY FOR US! WE SQUASHED ONE WORM! HOW MANY OTHERS ARE INFESTING THIS STINKING WORLD... PEDDLING MISERY?
I TELL YOU, LANTERN... SOMETIMES I DESPAIR!
DON'T...
SPEEDY!
HELLO, OLIVER... YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING THAT I BEAT MY... HABIT! I'M MYSELF!

GOOD BOY...
DON'T GIVE ME THAT "GOOD BOY" BULL! I ONLY MADE IT WITH SOME HELP FROM MY FRIENDS, HAL AND DINAH, WHEN YOU TURNED YOUR BACK ON ME!
ROY, THAT'S NOT FAIR...

NO, I GUESS IT ISN'T! YOU DID A LOT TO INSPIRE ME TO GO COLD TURKEY. I SHOULD SHOW MY APPRECIATION--

THANKS!

WHAT... WAS THAT FOR?
CALL IT SHARING!... I'M SHARING A VERY SMALL PIECE OF THE PAIN I'VE JUST GONE THROUGH THESE PAST FEW DAYS!

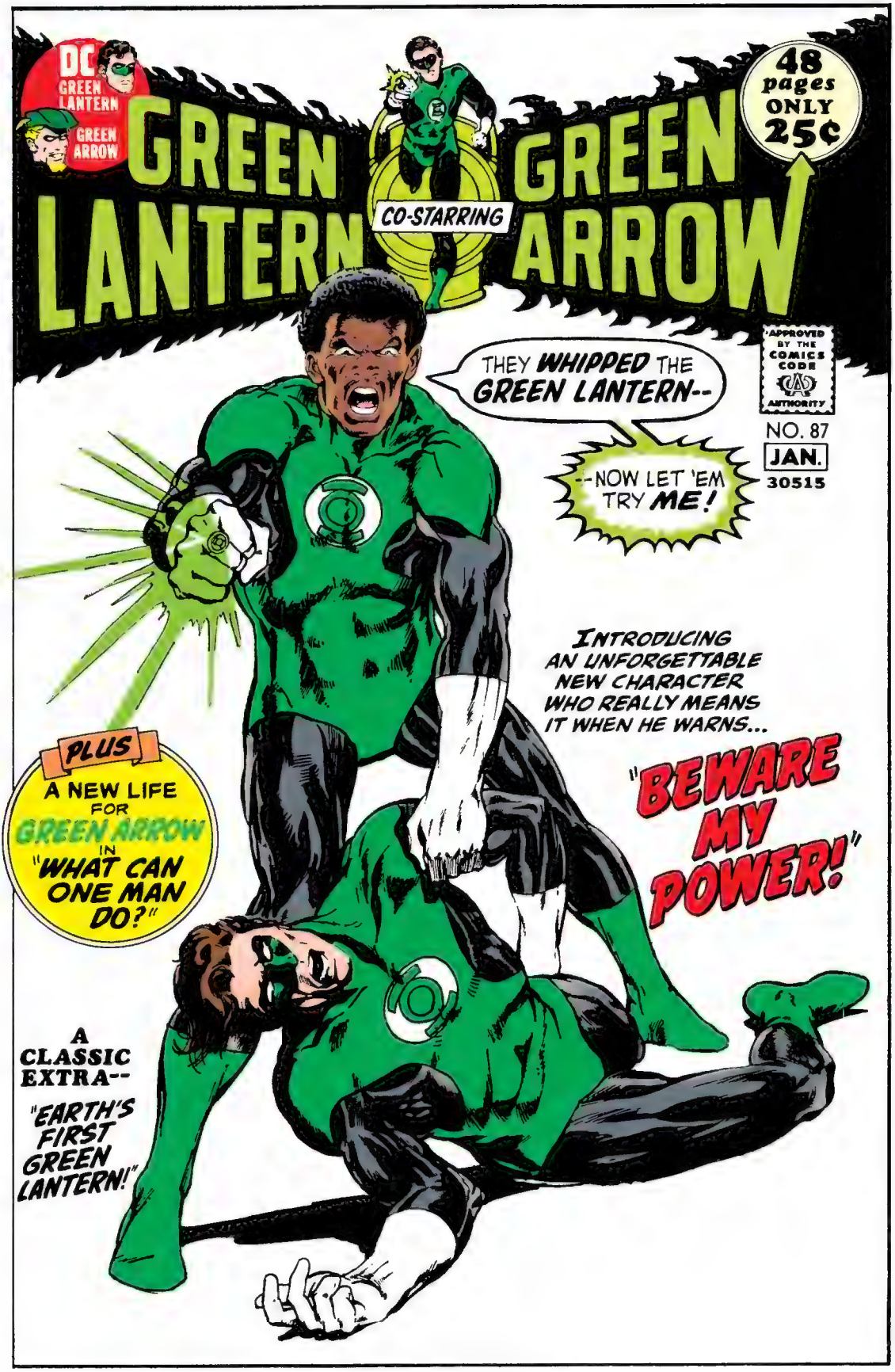
THE KIND OF PAIN THOUSANDS OF KIDS ARE GOING THROUGH EVERY DAY BECAUSE AN UNCARING AND UNTHINKING SOCIETY TURNS ITS BACK ON THEM!

DRUGS ARE A SYMPTOM...AND YOU.., LIKE THE REST OF SOCIETY... ATTACK THE SYMPTOM...NOT THE DISEASE! BUT THIS SYMPTOM IS WORSE THAN MOST--
IT MAIMS...IT PAINS...IT DIMS YOU! IT DRIVES YOU TO THE EDGE OF INSANITY AND OVER... AND ONE DAY ENDS YOUR TRIP ON A SLAB IN THE MORGUE... WITH A TAG AROUND YOUR TOE!

GOTTA GO NOW...
ROY...
THANKS FOR THE HAND, SISTER-- BUT HE NEEDS YOUR HELP NOW MORE THAN I DO-- ONLY HE DOESN'T KNOW IT...
HE'S KINDA DUMB... IN A LOTTA WAYS...

I'M LIKE HIM A LOT! I'M COCKY ENOUGH TO THINK I CAN HELP SOME OF MY FRIENDS AVOID THAT SLAB! SEE YOU "STRAIGHTS" AROUND!

IT'S A VERY LARGE LUMP OF PRIDE WHICH FORMS IN THE THROAT OF OLIVER QUEEN - AS HIS BOY BECOMES A MAN!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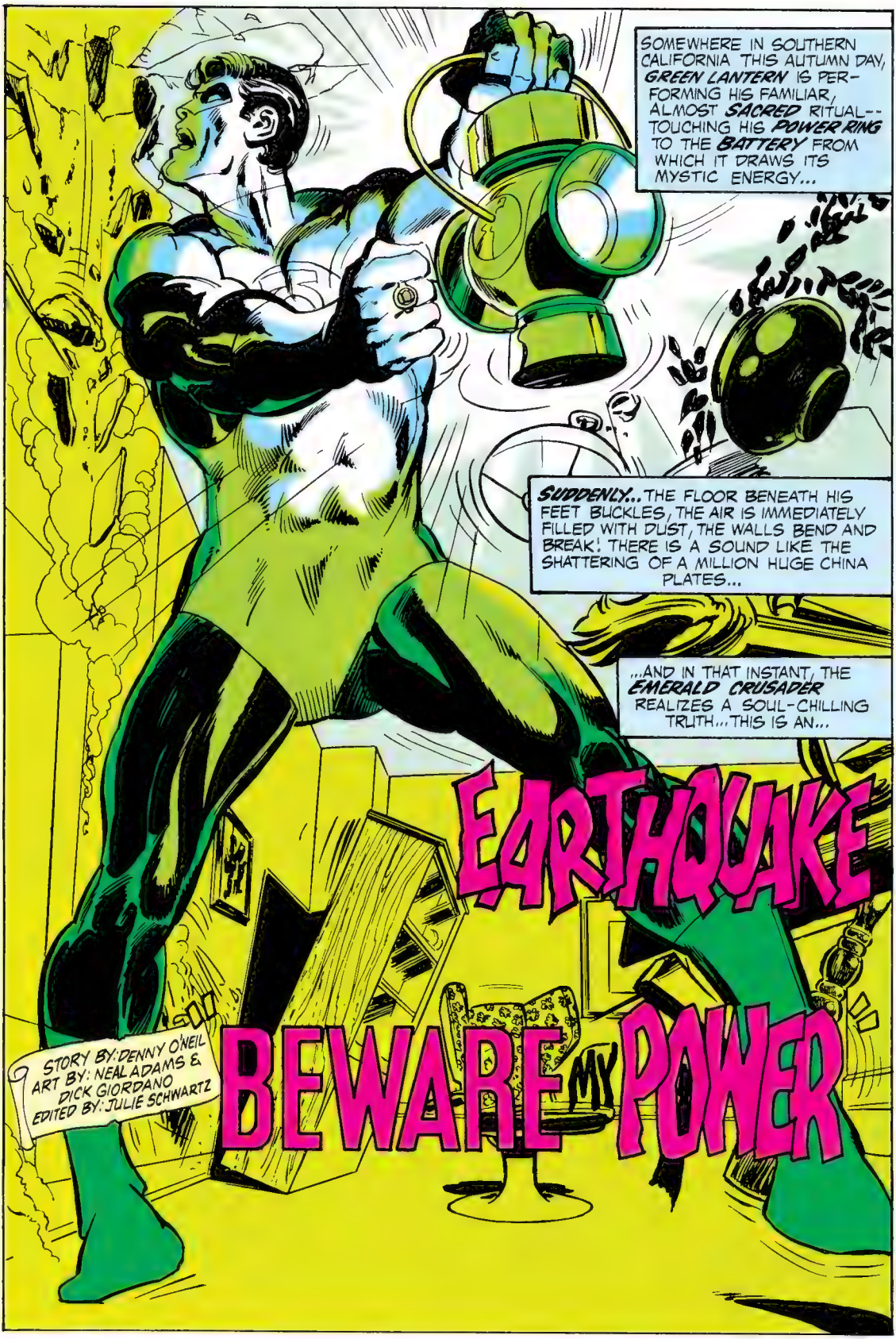
SOMEWHERE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA THIS AUTUMN DAY, GREEN LANTERN IS PERFORMING HIS FAMILIAR, ALMOST SACRED RITUAL--TOUCHING HIS POWER RING TO THE BATTERY FROM WHICH IT DRAWS ITS MYSTIC ENERGY...
SUDDENLY... THE FLOOR BENEATH HIS FEET BUCKLES, THE AIR IS IMMEDIATELY FILLED WITH DUST, THE WALLS BEND AND BREAK! THERE IS A SOUND LIKE THE SHATTERING OF A MILLION HUGE CHINA PLATES...
...AND IN THAT INSTANT, THE EMERALD CRUSADER REALIZES A SOUL-CHILLING TRUTH...THIS IS AN...
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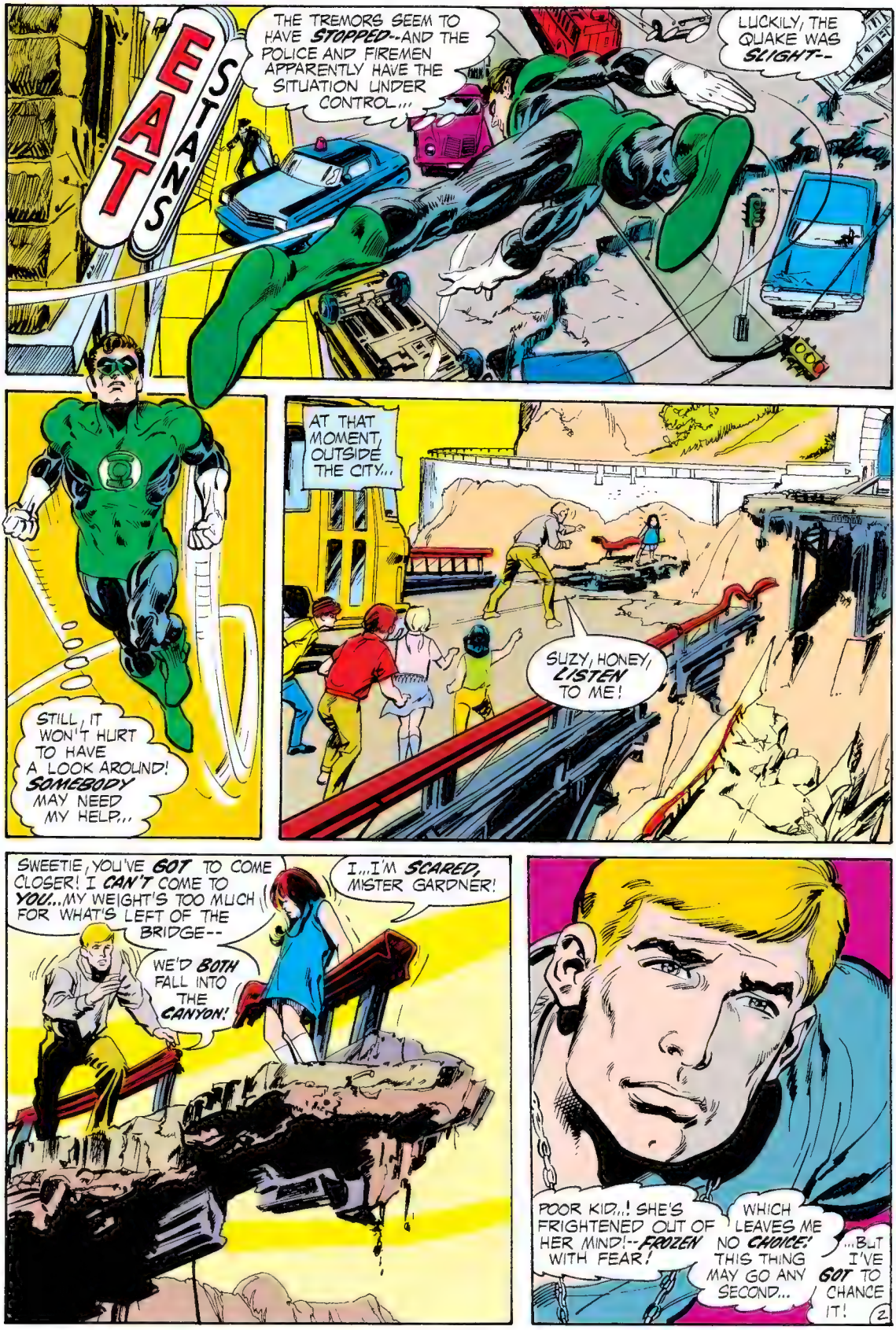
EATS
STEAZS
THE TREMORS SEEM TO HAVE STOPPED--AND THE POLICE AND FIREMEN APPARENTLY HAVE THE SITUATION UNDER CONTROL...
LUCKILY, THE QUAKE WAS SLIGHT--
STILL, IT WON'T HURT TO HAVE A LOOK AROUND! SOMEBODY MAY NEED MY HELP...
AT THAT MOMENT, OUTSIDE THE CITY...
SUZY, HONEY, LISTEN TO ME!
SWEETIE, YOU'VE GOT TO COME CLOSER! I CAN'T COME TO YOU...MY WEIGHT'S TOO MUCH FOR WHAT'S LEFT OF THE BRIDGE--
I...I'M SCARED, MISTER GARDNER!
WE'D BOTH FALL INTO THE CANYON!
POOR KID...! SHE'S FRIGHTENED OUT OF HER MIND!--FROZEN WITH FEAR!
WHICH LEAVES ME NO CHOICE! THIS THING MAY GO ANY SECOND...
...BUT I'VE GOT TO CHANCE IT!
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WHILE A DOZEN YARDS DISTANT...
ANYTHING I CAN DO FOR YOU KIDS?
NOT US, GREEN LANTERN! BUT MISTER GARDNER AND SUZY DELANCY... THEY'RE STUCK OUT THERE!
MISTER GARDNER WAS TAKING US ON A CLASS TRIP IN THE BUS, WHEN--
WHAMP
BEFORE THE CHILD CAN FINISH HER STORY, THE SCREECH OF RENDING GIRDERS TORTURES THE STILLNESS, AS...
THAT'S... GUY GARDNER!
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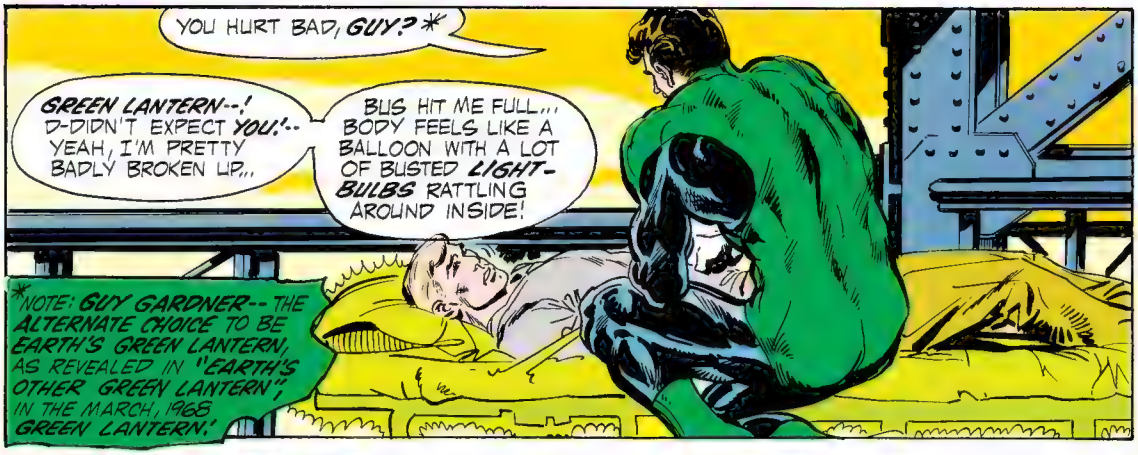
YOU HURT BAD, GUY?*
GREEN LANTERN--! D-DIDN'T EXPECT YOU!-- YEAH, I'M PRETTY BADLY BROKEN UP...
BUS HIT ME FULL... BODY FEELS LIKE A BALLOON WITH A LOT OF BUSTED LIGHT-BULBS RATTLING AROUND INSIDE!
*NOTE: GUY GARDNER-- THE ALTERNATE CHOICE TO BE EARTH'S GREEN LANTERN, AS REVEALED IN "EARTH'S OTHER GREEN LANTERN", IN THE MARCH, 1968 GREEN LANTERN.

SHORTLY, AT A NEARBY HOSPITAL...
IT'S A MIRACLE YOUR FRIEND SURVIVED AT ALL! IF HE HADN'T BEEN IN PERFECT HEALTH...
WELL, AS IT IS, HE'LL BE BED-RIDDEN FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS!

NOT A GOOD SITUATION! GUY IS MY SUCCESSOR... THE ONLY OTHER "DESERVING ONE" ON EARTH "FEARLESS" AND "HONEST" ENOUGH TO ACTIVATE A POWER RING!
I'VE BEEN COUNTING ON HIM... LETTING MY DUTIES SLIDE WHILE I GOT MY PERSONAL LIFE TOGETHER!

...KNOWING IF I BECOME STRUNG OUT, GUY COULD TAKE OVER! BUT NOW...
HEAR ME, GREEN LANTERN OF EARTH!
ABRUPTLY, THE EMERALD CRUSADER'S THOUGHTS ARE INTERRUPTED...

...BY THE TELEPATHIC IMAGE OF ONE OF THE IMMORTAL GUARDIANS!
WE HAVE WITNESSED GUY GARDNER'S INJURY! IT IS OUR WISH TO DESIGNATE ANOTHER SUBSTITUTE FOR YOURSELF!
I CONCUR! BUT... WHO?
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WHO INDEED HAVE THE GUARDIANS CHOSEN? TO FIND THE ANSWER, COME WITH US TO A CERTAIN URBAN GHETTO...
MOVE ALONG! YOU HAVEN'T GOT A GAME PERMIT-- AND BESIDES, YOU'RE BLOCKING THE SIDEWALK!
AW, LET US ALONE...
GOOD ADVICE--
--YEAH, FINE ADVICE... OF-FIC-ER!
MAYBE YOU OUGHTTA CHECK YOUR LAW-BOOK AND FIND OUT IF THEY REALLY NEED A PERMIT-- TO PLAY DOMINOES!
AS FOR BLOCKING... WON'T HURT ANY-BODY TO WALK AROUND 'EM!
YOU WANT TROUBLE?
I DON'T WANT IT... BUT I'M NOT ABOUT TO RUN FROM IT, EITHER! AND ANY-WAY, I KIND OF DOUBT YOU'RE MAN ENOUGH TO GIVE IT--
--EVEN WITH YOUR NIGHT-STICK!
BLAST 'EM... THEY GOT NO RESPECT!
FRED, RESPECT HAS TO BE EARNED! THE WAY YOU ACTED, YOU DIDN'T EARN A NICKEL'S WORTH!
THAT'S THE MAN YOU WANT TO TRUST WITH A POWER RING-- THE FINEST WEAPON EVER DEVISED?
HE HAS ALL DUE QUALIFICATIONS! AND WE ARE NOT INTERESTED IN YOUR PETTY BIGOTRIES!
HEY-- THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT! MAYBE HE'S BRAVE... HONEST... AND HAS THE RIGHT KIND OF MIND... BUT IT'S OBVIOUS HE ALSO HAS A CHIP ON HIS SHOULDER THE SIZE OF THE ROCK OF GIBRALTAR!
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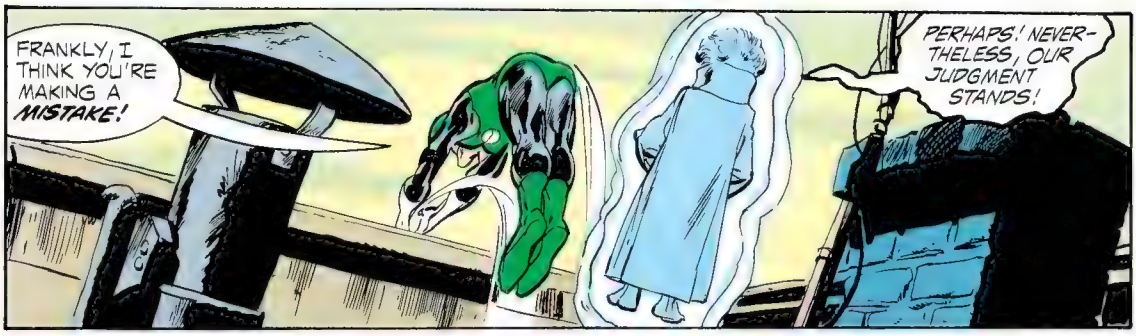
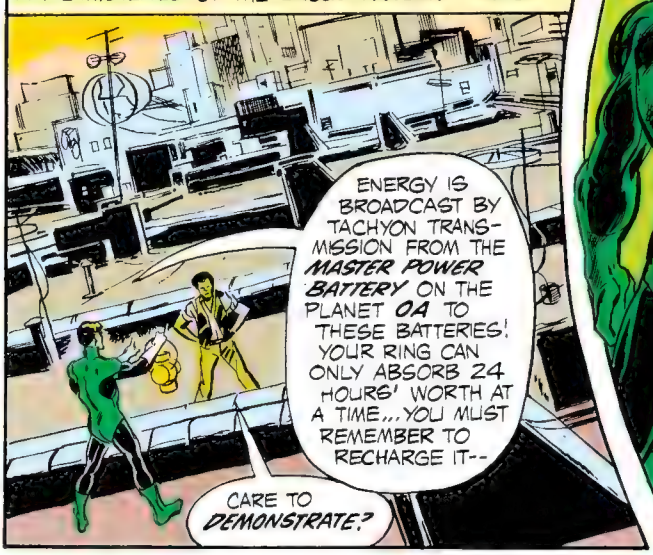
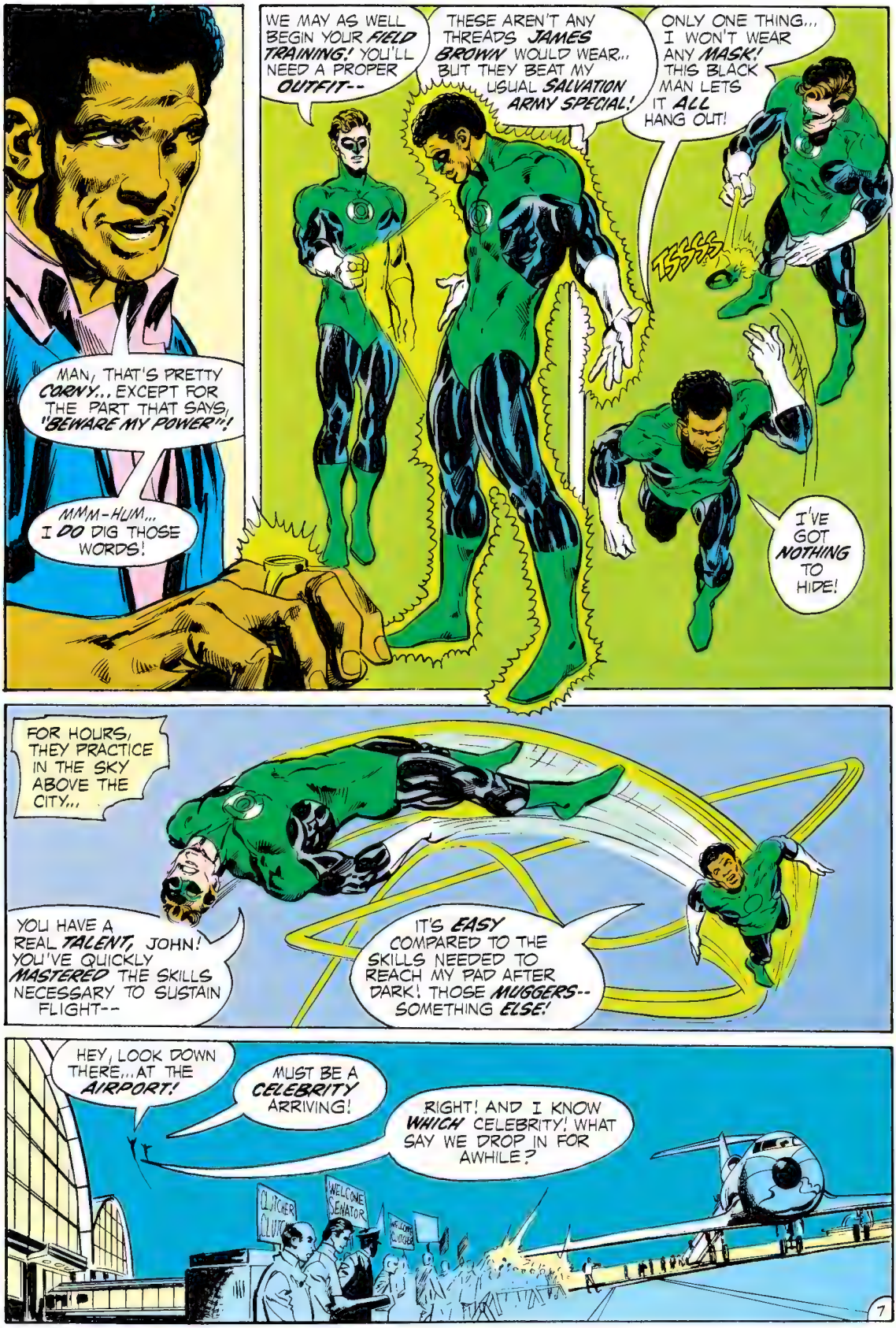
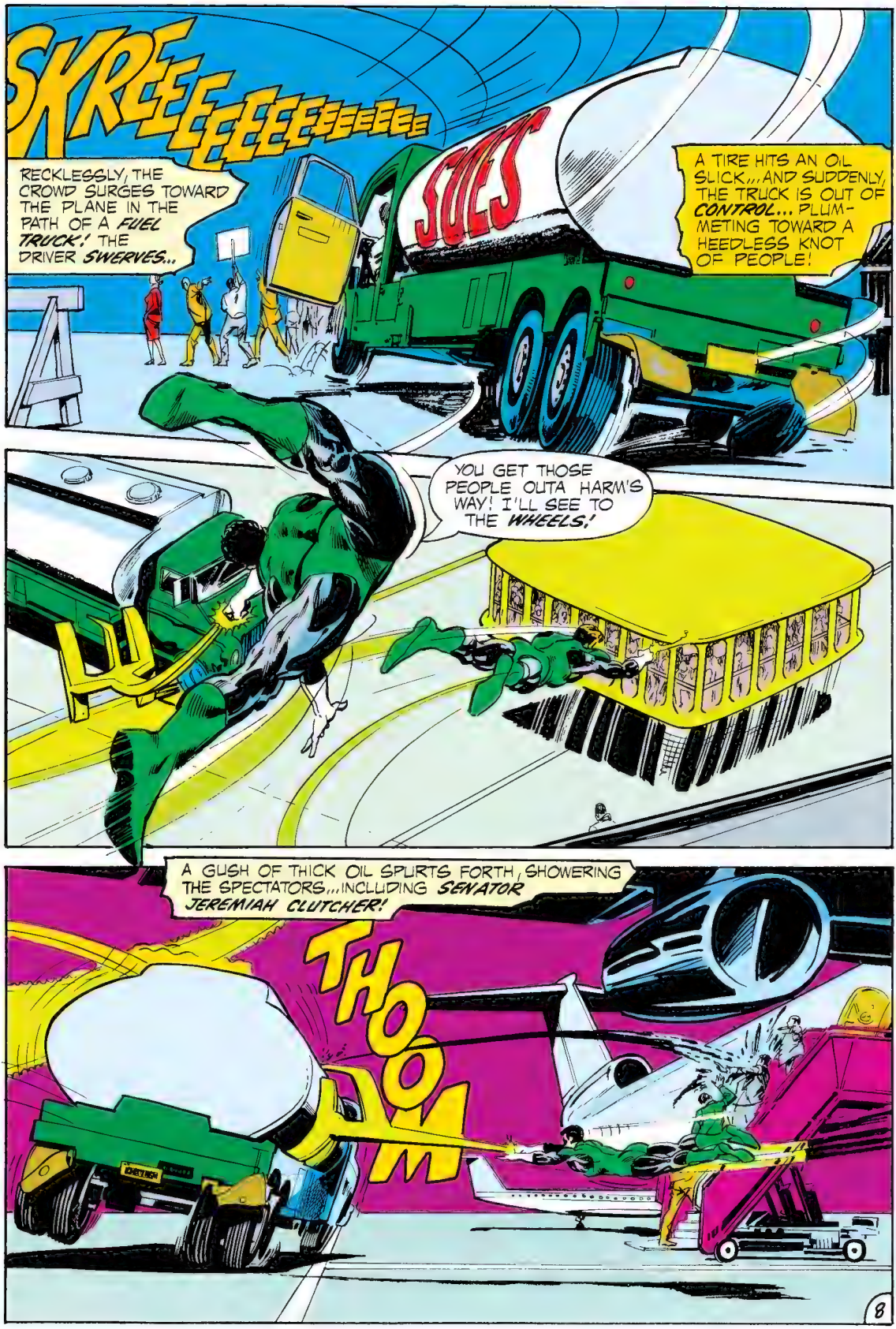


LATER, IN A NEARBY CANDY STORE, **GREEN LANTERN** FINISHES HIS EXPLANATION, AND...

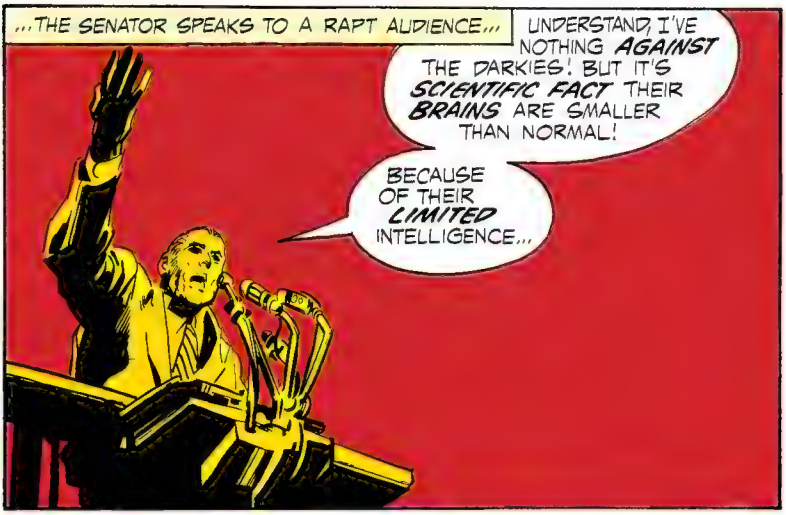
NEXT, THE YOUNG BLACK MAN BEGINS A CRASH-COURSE IN THE MYSTERIES OF THE **GREEN LANTERN CORPS**--

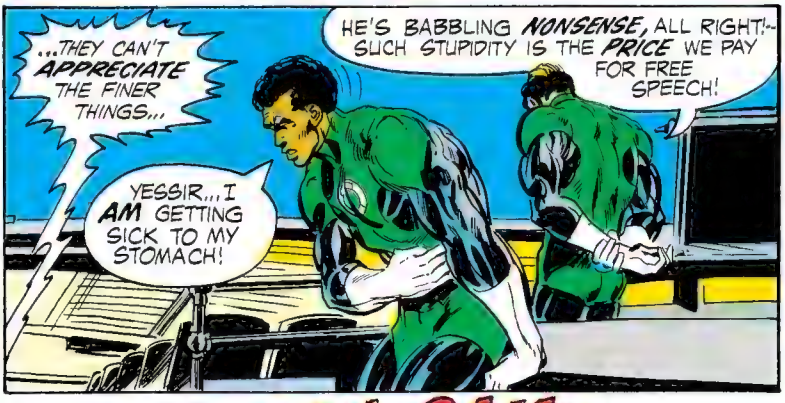



MAN, THAT'S PRETTY CORNY... EXCEPT FOR THE PART THAT SAYS, "BEWARE MY POWER"!
MMM-HUM... I DO DIG THOSE WORDS!
WE MAY AS WELL BEGIN YOUR FIELD TRAINING! YOU'LL NEED A PROPER OUTFIT--
THESE AREN'T ANY THREADS JAMES BROWN WOULD WEAR... BUT THEY BEAT MY USUAL SALVATION ARMY SPECIAL!
ONLY ONE THING... I WON'T WEAR ANY MASK! THIS BLACK MAN LETS IT ALL HANG OUT!
ISSSS
I'VE GOT NOTHING TO HIDE!
FOR HOURS, THEY PRACTICE IN THE SKY ABOVE THE CITY...
YOU HAVE A REAL TALENT, JOHN! YOU'VE QUICKLY MASTERED THE SKILLS NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN FLIGHT--
IT'S EASY COMPARED TO THE SKILLS NEEDED TO REACH MY PAD AFTER DARK! THOSE MUGGERS-- SOMETHING ELSE!
HEY, LOOK DOWN THERE... AT THE AIRPORT!
MUST BE A CELEBRITY ARRIVING!
RIGHT! AND I KNOW WHICH CELEBRITY! WHAT SAY WE DROP IN FOR AWHILE?
CLUTCHER CLUTCH
WELCOME SENATOR
WELCOME CLUTCHER


SKREEEEEEEEEEEE
RECKLESSLY, THE CROWD SURGES TOWARD THE PLANE IN THE PATH OF A FUEL TRUCK! THE DRIVER SWERVES...
A TIRE HITS AN OIL SLICK... AND SUDDENLY, THE TRUCK IS OUT OF CONTROL... PLUMMETING TOWARD A HEEDLESS KNOT OF PEOPLE!
SUES
YOU GET THOSE PEOPLE OUTA HARM'S WAY! I'LL SEE TO THE WHEELS!
A GUSH OF THICK OIL SPURTS FORTH, SHOWERING THE SPECTATORS... INCLUDING SENATOR JEREMIAH CLUTCHER!
THOOM

AN... OUTRAGE! SOMEONE WILL PAY...
HEY, BABY...
...HAVEN'T I SEEN YOU PICKING COTTON SOMEPLACE?
JOHN-- YOU WERE STUPID... AND IRRESPONSIBLE!
SO I MAYBE MISSED MY AIM WITH THE POWER BEAM, AND THE SENATOR GOT A LITTLE BLACK-ENED!
WHAT'S TO WORRY ABOUT? I'VE BEEN DARK ALL MY LIFE... AND I'M SURVIVING!
I DON'T BELIEVE YOU MISSED...
OKAY... I DIDN'T! LISTEN, WHITEY, THAT WINDBAG WANTS TO BE PRESIDENT! HE'S A RACIST...
...AND HE FIGURES ON CLIMBING TO THE WHITE HOUSE ON THE BACKS OF MY PEOPLE!
YOU THINK HE'S A RACIST... TOUGH! NOBODY APPOINTED YOU JUDGE! YOU NEED A LESSON...
...AND I'M THE GUY WHO'S TEACHER! AS OF NOW, I'M ASSIGNING YOU TO GUARD SENATOR CLUTCHER!
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO HIM... YOU'VE HAD IT!
ONE LAST THING! DON'T CALL ME WHITEY! SOMETHING IN THAT REMINDS ME OF THAT BIT ABOUT "HE WHO IS WITHOUT SIN" CASTING "THE FIRST STONE!"





THE LISTENERS SIT STUNNED--SHOCKED...EXCEPT FOR GREEN LANTERN AND HIS NEW PARTNER--

I'LL TEND TO STEWART... SHOVE THE POWER RING DOWN HIS THROAT!... AFTER I NAIL THE GUNMAN!
FUNNY...THE GUNMAN SAW ME COMING... YET DIDN'T USE HIS PISTOL!
THUD
I'LL ASK WHY... WHEN HE WAKES UP!
MEANWHILE, IN THE PARKING LOT OUTSIDE, A POLICEMAN TENSES, SENSING TROUBLE... UNAWARE HE'S FRAMED IN THE SIGHTS OF A SUBMACHINE GUN!
SURE GOT QUIET INSIDE... THE WINDBAG MUST HAVE RUN OUT OF WIND!
AT LEAST, I HOPE THAT'S THE REASON!
WATCH IT...!

WE GOT US A JUNIOR-GRADE AL CAPONE LURKING BEHIND THE CARS!... CAT HASN'T HEARD CHOPPERS WENT OUT OF STYLE WITH THE ROARING TWENTIES!
HEY!
WELL, HE WON'T BE USING THAT ONE AGAIN... NOR MUCH OF ANYTHING ELSE!
THANKS, FELLA! YOU... SAVED MY HIDE!
DON'T THANK ME! THANK THIS EVER-LOVIN' RING... BEST TRINKET A MAN EVER WORE!
JOHN STEWART--!
MY NAME'S GREEN LANTERN THE SECOND... REMEMBER?
NO IT'S NOT! YOU'RE A DISGRACE TO YOUR UNIFORM... YOUR RING... AND YOURSELF! I WARNED YOU--
STEADY... I DON'T ENJOY BEING MANHANDLED! LISTEN, YOU ROUND UP THE PISTOL THAT CAT FIRED AT CLUTCHER...
...AND MEET ME INSIDE! YOU'RE GONNA HAVE YOUR OWN LESSON, TEACHER!
THEN...
THING IS, I SPOTTED THE PISTOL-PACKER WITH THE SENATOR THIS AFTERNOON, AT THE AIRPORT! LIKEWISE, I SPOTTED THE MACHINE-GUN ARTIST!
I ASKED MYSELF, WHY IS ONE SHOOTING... AND THE OTHER MISSING? THE ANSWER IS IN THE GUN YOU'RE HOLDING, GREEN LANTERN!
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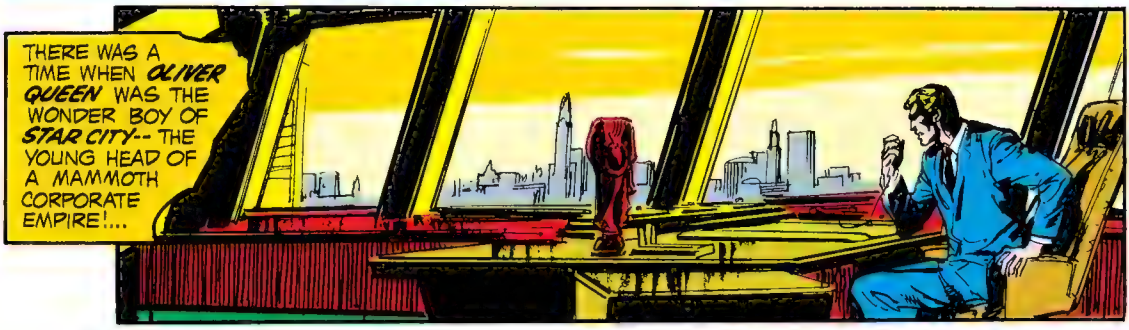
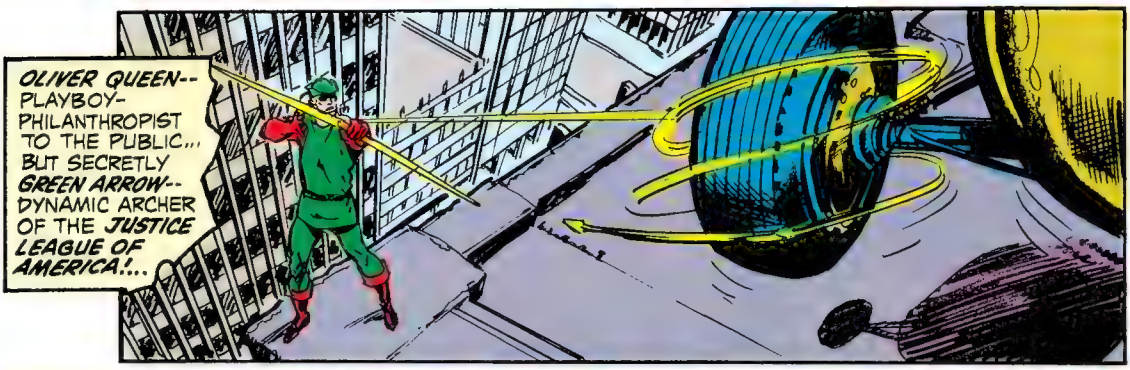
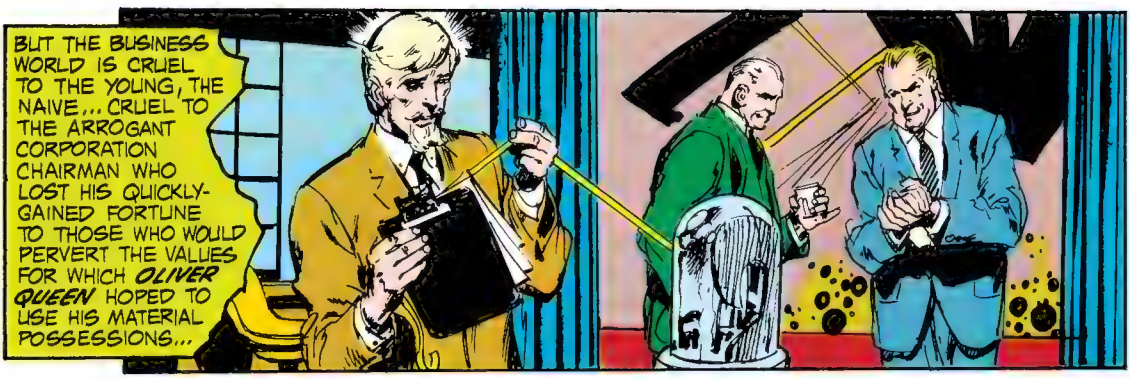
IT'S FILLED WITH BLANKS!
YEAH,,,IT'S A FRAME! WHILE PISTOL-PETE WAS BLASTING THE SENATOR WITH BLANKS, THE REAL KILLING WAS SUPPOSED TO TAKE PLACE IN THE PARKING LOT!
THAT WAY, IT LOOKS LIKE THE BLACKS ARE ON A RAMPAGE,,,AND CLUTCHER IS EVERYBODY'S HERO!
THEN CLUTCHER WALTZES INTO THE PRESIDENCY,,, AND PRETTY SOON THIS COUNTRY IS RIPPED APART... WITH CIVIL WAR!
CLUTCHER,,, YOU'RE BENEATH CONTEMPT! I'M CERTAIN YOUR COLLEAGUES IN CONGRESS WILL BOUNCE YOU WHERE YOU BELONG!
SHORTLY,,, I'LL ADMIT, JOHN... YOUR STYLE TURNED ME OFF! I WAS MORE THAN READY TO STICK BLAME ON YOU--!
NO SWEAT, PAL! ONLY... STYLE ISN'T IMPORTANT,,, ANY MORE THAN COLOR!
WHERE OR WHEN, NO MAN CAN SAY,,, BUT REST ASSURED-- JOHN (GREEN LANTERN) STEWART WILL RETURN!

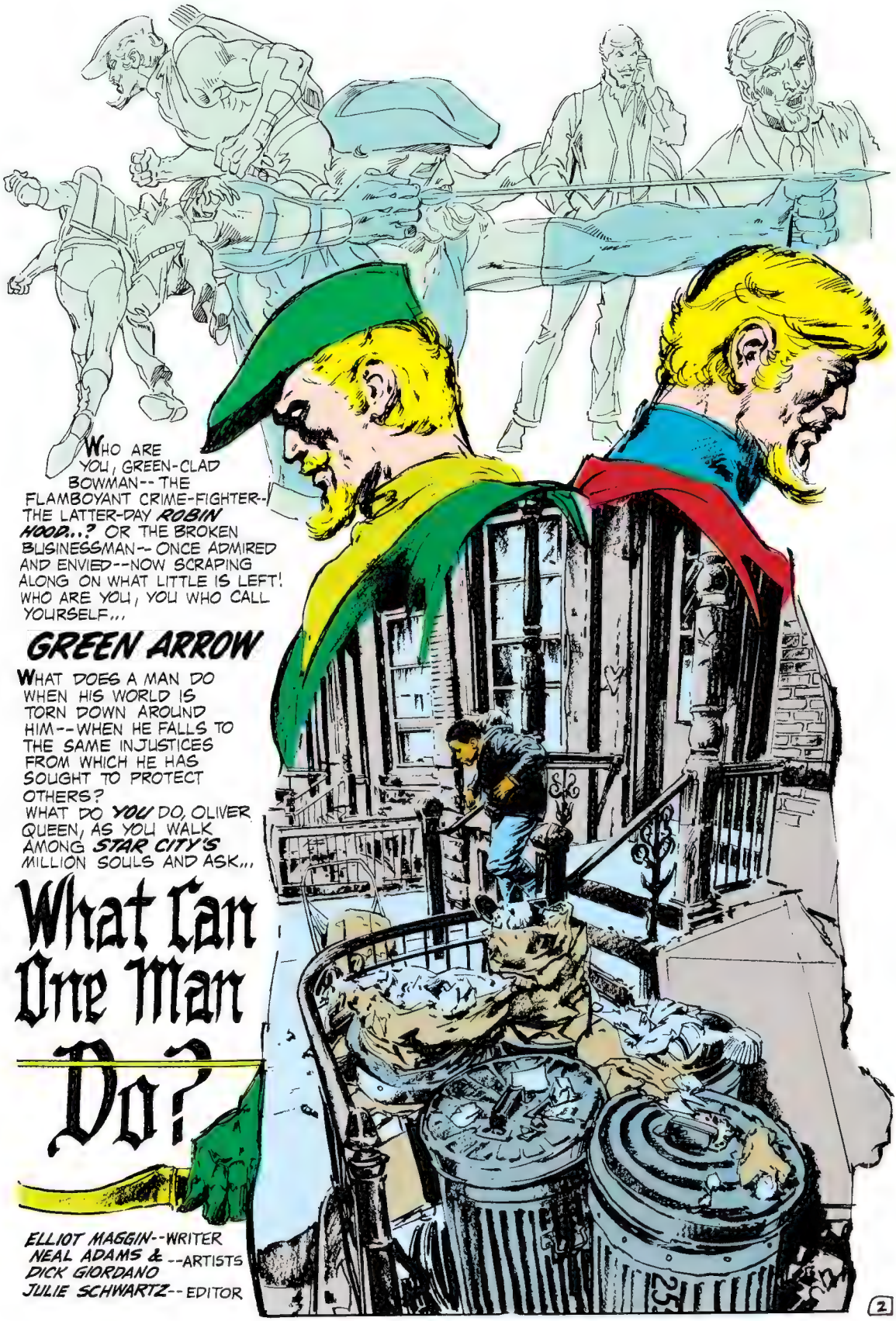
GREEN ARROW


THERE WAS A TIME WHEN OLIVER QUEEN WAS THE WONDER BOY OF STAR CITY-- THE YOUNG HEAD OF A MAMMOTH CORPORATE EMPIRE!...


OLIVER QUEEN-- PLAYBOY-PHILANTHROPIST TO THE PUBLIC... BUT SECRETLY GREEN ARROW-- DYNAMIC ARCHER OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA!...


BUT THE BUSINESS WORLD IS CRUEL TO THE YOUNG, THE NAIVE... CRUEL TO THE ARROGANT CORPORATION CHAIRMAN WHO LOST HIS QUICKLY-GAINED FORTUNE TO THOSE WHO WOULD PERVERT THE VALUES FOR WHICH OLIVER QUEEN HOPED TO USE HIS MATERIAL POSSESSIONS...

BENT BUT NOT BROKEN, GREEN ARROW LEARNED WHAT IT WAS TO BE A POOR MAN...



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DRUG REHABILITATION PROGRAMS... POPULATION REDUCTION AGENCIES... BIAFRAN REDEVELOPMENT... THEY ALL WANT CONTRIBUTIONS!
MAYBE I CAN SEND THEM EACH A DOLLAR! I SHOULD DO THAT MUCH!
NO USE BLAMING MYSELF FOR ALL THIS FOOLISHNESS! MIGHT AS WELL CHANGE TO GREEN ARROW AND RUN AROUND TOWN EGO-TRIPPING... OR SOMETHING!
IT'S A KIND OF RUSH THAT COMES OVER ONE WHEN ONE SEES A MAN TRANSFORM HIMSELF INTO SOMETHING THAT IS MORE THAN MAN...
MORE THAN MAN-- ENVIED--ADMIRED-- RESPECTED--NOT A MAN AT ALL...
...BUT A LEGEND!
MIRA-- IT'S GREEN ARROW!
AAAAH-- SHOW-OFF!
OH, YEAH... IF NOT FOR THAT "SHOW-OFF," MY BROTHER'D BE IN JAIL NOW!
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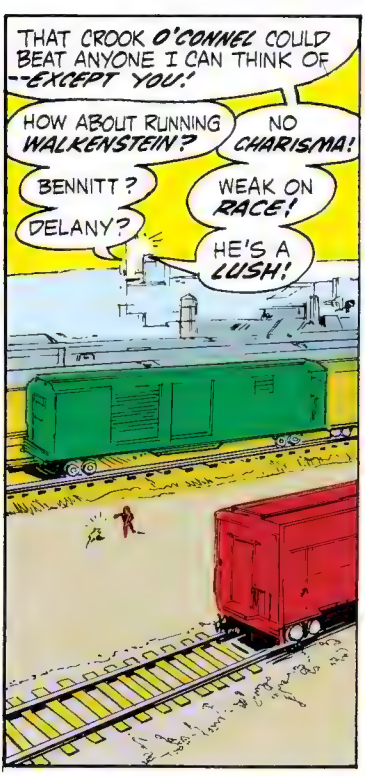
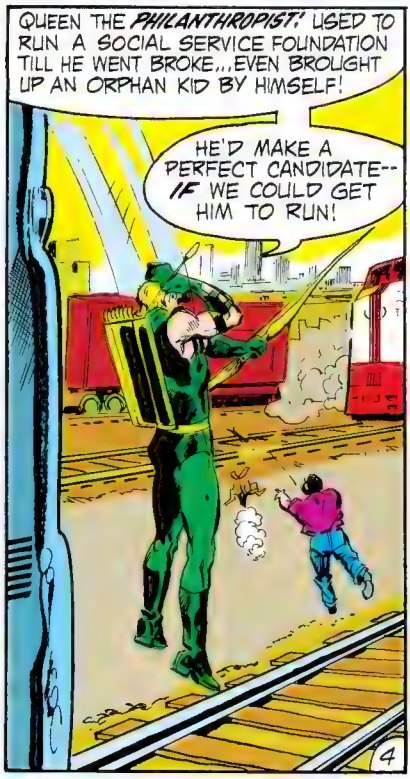
MEANWHILE, IN AN OFFICE UPTOWN...
LOOK, MR. MAYOR! THE PARTY NEEDS YOU! STAR CITY NEEDS YOU...
WHO KNOWS WHAT'LL HAPPEN WITHOUT JACK MAJOR IN CITY HALL?
NO WAY, KEVIN! I DON'T WANT TO BE MAYOR ANOTHER FOUR YEARS! AND I HAVE NO USE FOR FLATTERY...

...AS I HAVE NO USE FOR SMOG, DIRTY WATER, GARBAGE COLLECTION, AND DOPE RUNNING RAMPANT ALL OVER MY CITY!
NO! I'VE DONE THIS LONG ENOUGH! IT'S TIME I BECAME A FULL-TIME GRANDFATHER!
BUT--WHO COULD WE RUN?


THAT CROOK O'CONNEL COULD BEAT ANYONE I CAN THINK OF --EXCEPT YOU!
HOW ABOUT RUNNING WALKENSTEIN?
NO CHARISMA!
BENNITT?
DELANY?
WEAK ON RACE!
HE'S A LUSH!

WE NEED SOMEONE YOUNG AND FRESH... SOMEONE NOBODY COULD ACCUSE OF BEING A SELLOUT!
THAT SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD DESCRIPTION OF OLIVER QUEEN!
QUEEN THE PLAYBOY?


QUEEN THE PHILANTHROPIST! USED TO RUN A SOCIAL SERVICE FOUNDATION TILL HE WENT BROKE... EVEN BROUGHT UP AN ORPHAN KID BY HIMSELF!
HE'D MAKE A PERFECT CANDIDATE-- IF WE COULD GET HIM TO RUN!

BIG FREAKIN' DEAL! LOOKIT THE HERO-MAN SAVE THE DOG IN THE RAILROAD YARD,,,
,,,KNOWING THAT THE KID IS ONLY THERE BECAUSE THE PLACE HE LIVES IN IS SO CROWDED THERE'S NO PLACE TO PLAY!
WHEN THERE'S NO KICK PLAYING SUPER-HERO ANY MORE, THEN YOU KNOW THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG, PLAYBOY...
SOMETIMES I THINK WE COSTUMED CHARACTERS AREN'T GOOD FOR MUCH MORE THAN OUTER SPACE-INVASIONS AND BUG-EYED-MONSTERS!
WHEN I HAD MONEY I THOUGHT I COULD DO SOMETHING AS OLIVER QUEEN! I THOUGHT--
EH?
BRRING
KEVIN MCMANUS-- HI! YOU,,,YOU WANT ME TO RUN FOR... WHAT?!
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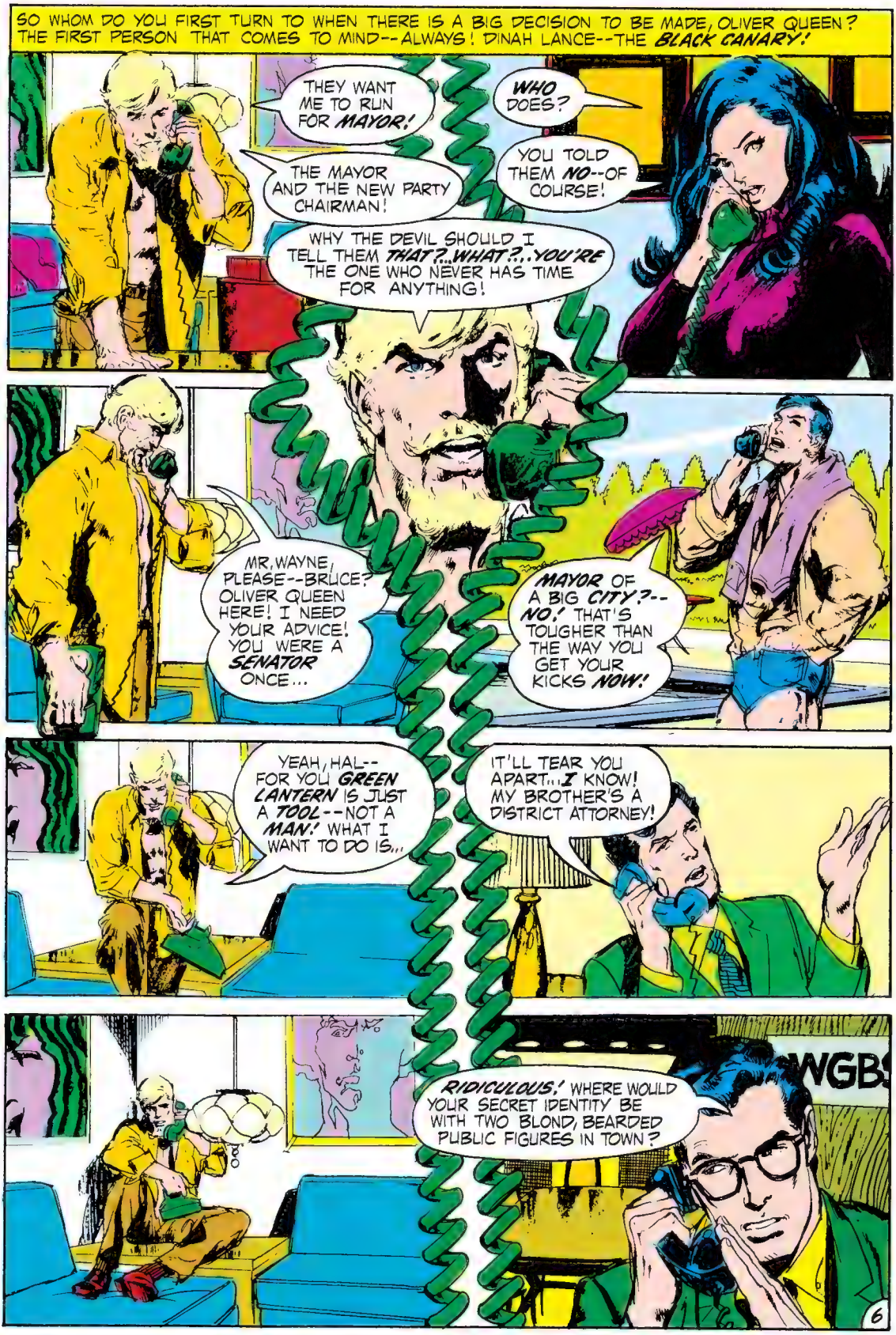
SO WHOM DO YOU FIRST TURN TO WHEN THERE IS A BIG DECISION TO BE MADE, OLIVER QUEEN? THE FIRST PERSON THAT COMES TO MIND--ALWAYS! DINAH LANCE--THE BLACK CANARY!
THEY WANT ME TO RUN FOR MAYOR!
WHO DOES?
THE MAYOR AND THE NEW PARTY CHAIRMAN!
YOU TOLD THEM NO--OF COURSE!
WHY THE DEVIL SHOULD I TELL THEM THAT?...WHAT?!..YOU'RE THE ONE WHO NEVER HAS TIME FOR ANYTHING!
MR. WAYNE, PLEASE--BRUCE? OLIVER QUEEN HERE! I NEED YOUR ADVICE! YOU WERE A SENATOR ONCE...
MAYOR OF A BIG CITY?--NO! THAT'S TOUGHER THAN THE WAY YOU GET YOUR KICKS NOW!
YEAH, HAL--FOR YOU GREEN LANTERN IS JUST A TOOL--NOT A MAN! WHAT I WANT TO DO IS...
IT'LL TEAR YOU APART...I KNOW! MY BROTHER'S A DISTRICT ATTORNEY!
RIDICULOUS! WHERE WOULD YOUR SECRET IDENTITY BE WITH TWO BLOND, BEARDED PUBLIC FIGURES IN TOWN?
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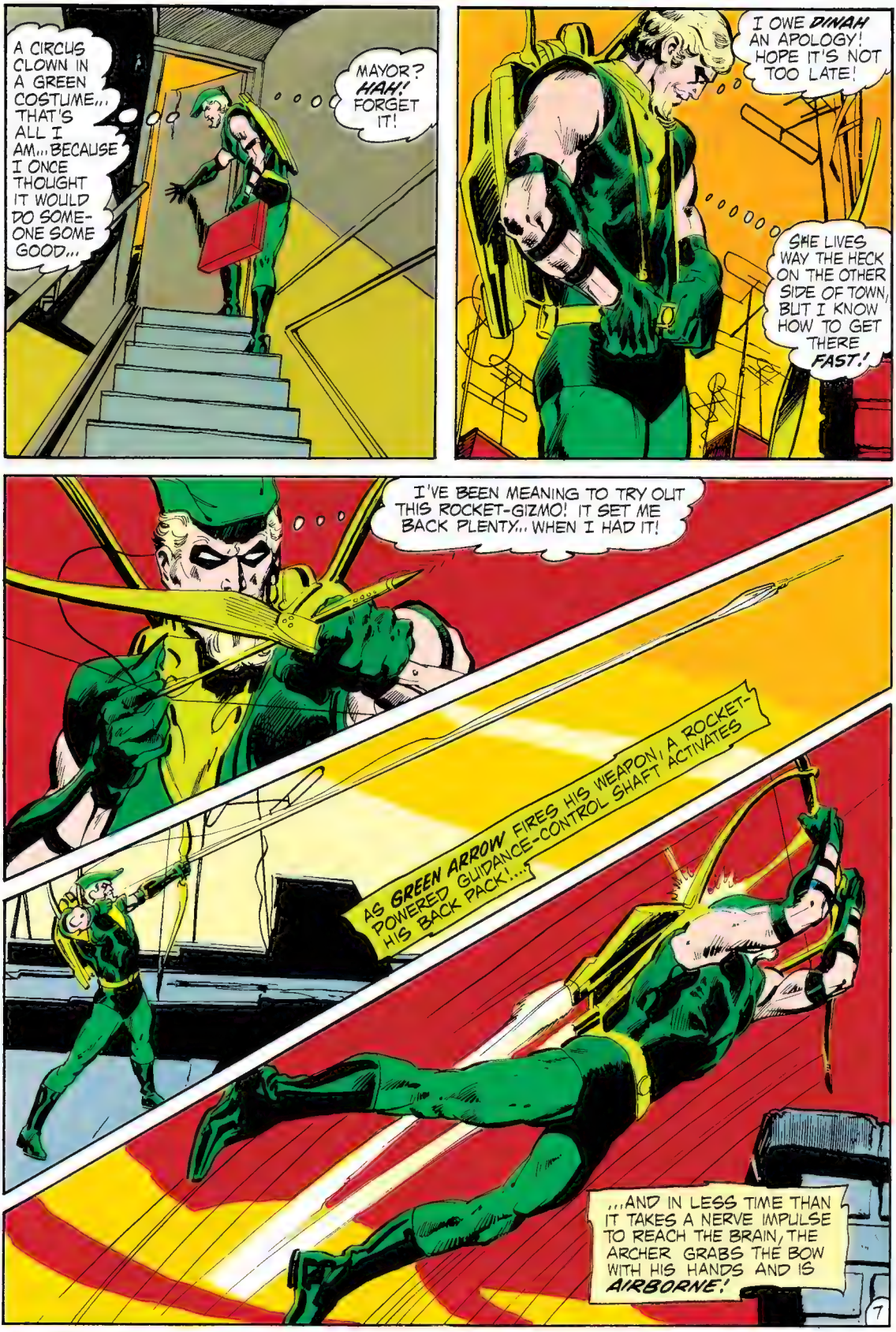
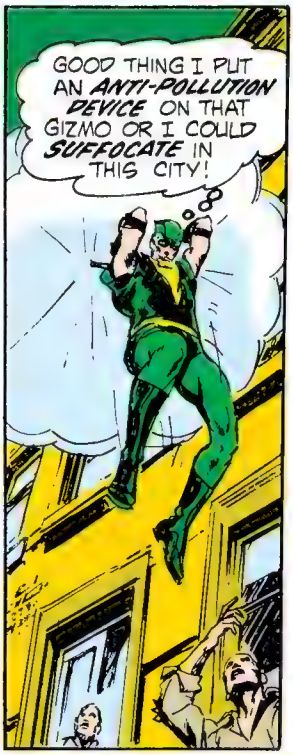
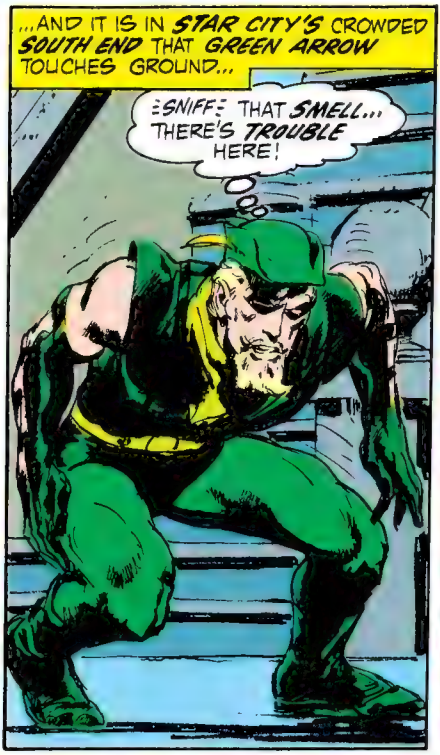
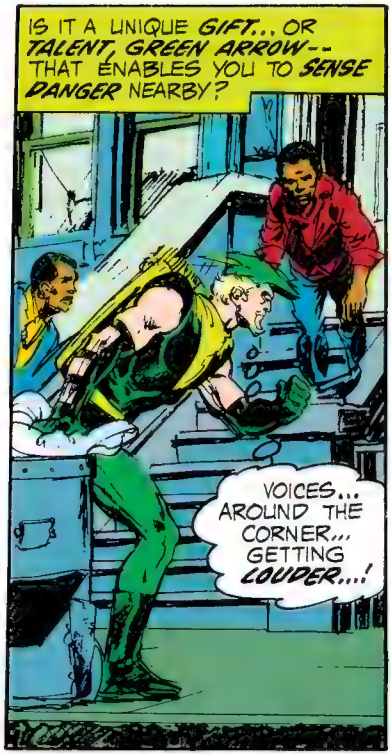

A CIRCUS CLOWN IN A GREEN COSTUME... THAT'S ALL I AM... BECAUSE I ONCE THOUGHT IT WOULD DO SOME-ONE SOME GOOD...
MAYOR? HAH! FORGET IT!
I OWE DINAH AN APOLOGY! HOPE IT'S NOT TOO LATE!
SHE LIVES WAY THE HECK ON THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN, BUT I KNOW HOW TO GET THERE FAST!
I'VE BEEN MEANING TO TRY OUT THIS ROCKET-GIZMO! IT SET ME BACK PLENTY... WHEN I HAD IT!
AS GREEN ARROW FIRES HIS WEAPON, A ROCKET-POWERED GUIDANCE-CONTROL SHAFT ACTIVATES HIS BACK PACK!...
...AND IN LESS TIME THAN IT TAKES A NERVE IMPULSE TO REACH THE BRAIN, THE ARCHER GRABS THE BOW WITH HIS HANDS AND IS AIRBORNE!

:UMMM: THERE'S STILL A FEW BUGS IN THIS BABY-- THIS ISN'T WHERE I'M SUPPOSED TO BE! IT'S VEERING IN THE WIND...
TIME TO BAIL OUT AND HOOF IT A FEW BLOCKS!


GOOD THING I PUT AN ANTI-POLLUTION DEVICE ON THAT GIZMO OR I COULD SUFFOCATE IN THIS CITY!


...AND IT IS IN STAR CITY'S CROWDED SOUTH END THAT GREEN ARROW TOUCHES GROUND...
:SNIFF: THAT SMELL... THERE'S TROUBLE HERE!

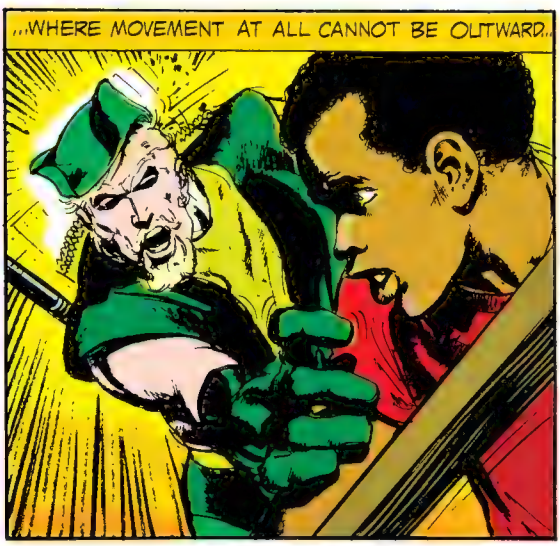

IS IT A UNIQUE GIFT... OR TALENT, GREEN ARROW-- THAT ENABLES YOU TO SENSE DANGER NEARBY?
VOICES... AROUND THE CORNER... GETTING LOUDER...!

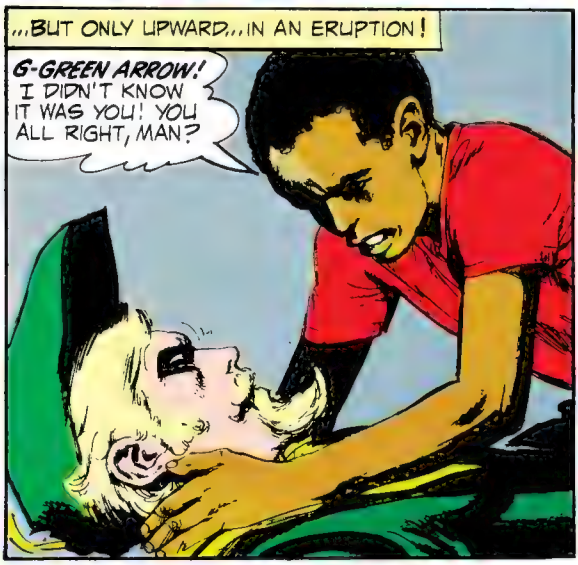
SPACE-MONSTERS AND TYRANTS ARE INDIVIDUAL MENACES! A CRIMINAL IS BUT ONE PERSON...! BUT WHAT DO YOU DO WITH DUSK ON A HOT SUMMER DAY AND A MOB OF MEN GONE MAD?
MY EVER-LOVING MIND! NO...NO!

WHOSE FAULT IS THIS, OLIVER (GREEN ARROW) QUEEN? AND AT WHOM DO YOU DIRECT YOUR JUSTICE... YOUR ANGER?

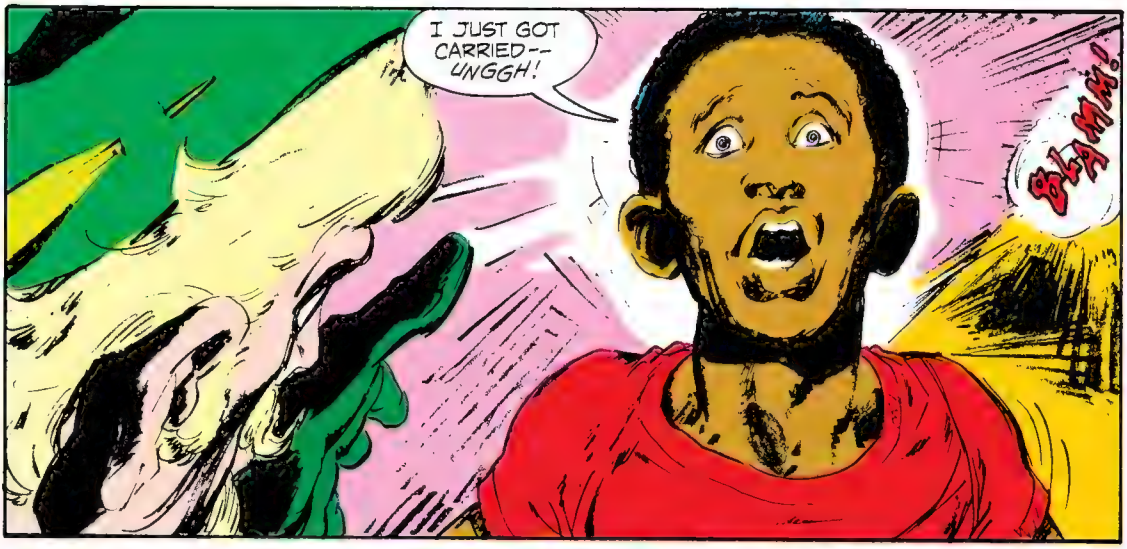
WHO'S FAULT? THE BLACK, THE RED, THE YELLOW...

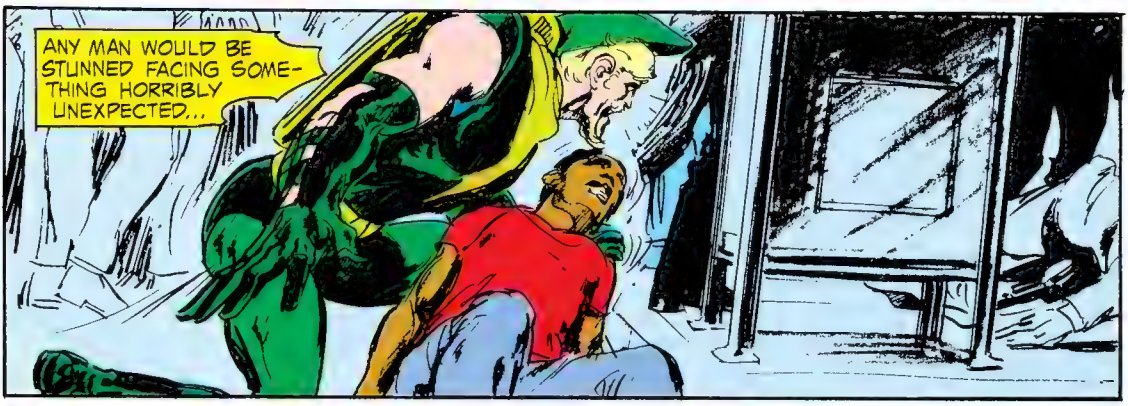
...THE POOR, THE MEEK, THE PEACEFUL, HERDED INTO A SMALL SPECK OF EARTH...

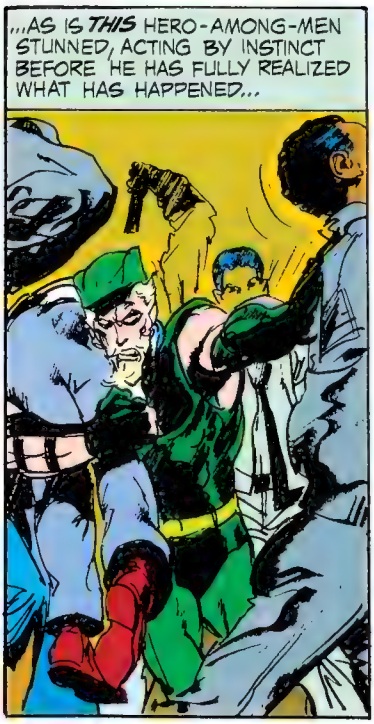

...WHERE MOVEMENT AT ALL CANNOT BE OUTWARD..

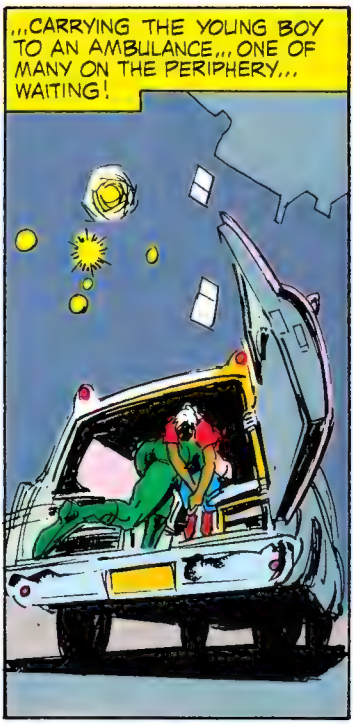

...BUT ONLY UPWARD...IN AN ERUPTION!
G-GREEN ARROW! I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS YOU! YOU ALL RIGHT, MAN?

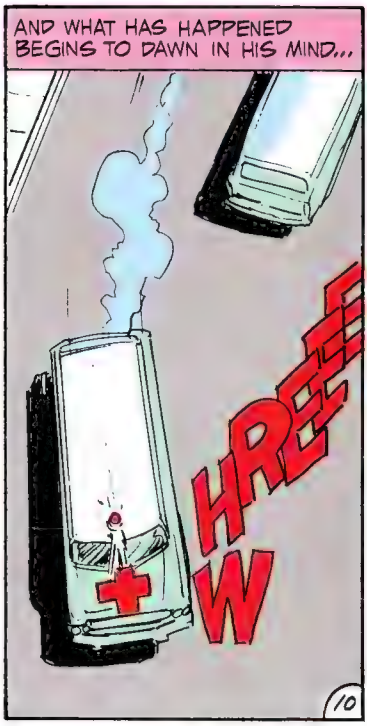
YEAH! I'M OKAY! HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING RUNNING AROUND WITH THAT STICK?
I'M SORRY! I HADDA DO SOMETHIN'! BUT, HONEST... I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS YOU!


I JUST GOT CARRIED-- UNGGH!
BLAMM!


ANY MAN WOULD BE STUNNED FACING SOMETHING HORRIBLY UNEXPECTED...


...AS IS THIS HERO-AMONG-MEN STUNNED, ACTING BY INSTINCT BEFORE HE HAS FULLY REALIZED WHAT HAS HAPPENED...


...CARRYING THE YOUNG BOY TO AN AMBULANCE... ONE OF MANY ON THE PERIPHERY... WAITING!


AND WHAT HAS HAPPENED BEGINS TO DAWN IN HIS MIND...
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AS WORDS FROM LONG AGO AND FAR AWAY COME TO GREEN ARROW'S MIND...*
*EDITOR'S NOTE: "A FAREWELL TO ARMS," BY ERNEST HEMINGWAY.
"IF PEOPLE BRING SO MUCH COURAGE TO THIS WORLD THE WORLD HAS TO KILL THEM TO BREAK THEM..."
EM
"...SO OF COURSE IT KILLS THEM. THE WORLD BREAKS EVERYONE..."
"...AND AFTER-WARD MANY ARE STRONG IN THE BROKEN PLACES..."
"...BUT THOSE THAT WILL NOT BREAK IT KILLS..."

"...IT KILLS THE VERY GOOD..."
"...AND THE VERY GENTLE..."
"...AND THE VERY BRAVE..."
"...IMPARTIALLY."

EPILOGUE
What Can One Man Do?
THOUGHTS AND SCENES GEL IN YOUR CONFUSED MIND, GREEN ARROW--AND NOW YOU KNOW WHAT IT IS YOU MUST DO...
OLIVER! I WAS JUST LEAVING FOR WORK! COME IN! YOU LOOK EXHAUSTED!
BEEN UP ALL NIGHT, PRETTY BIRD! LEFT TO APOLOGIZE TO YOU... AND RAN INTO A RIOT!
A RIOT--? THE ONE DOWN IN THE SOUTH END.. WHERE FOUR PEOPLE GOT KILLED LAST NIGHT?
FIVE... AND TWENTY-ONE HOSPITALIZED!
DINAH...I...
OLIVER...WHAT'S WRONG? WHAT IS IT?
I...I'VE DECIDED TO RUN... FOR MAYOR...
THERE ARE SOME THINGS I HAVE TO DO! THAT'S ONE OF THEM...NOW--THAT I HAVE THE CHANCE!
YES... I UNDERSTAND!
NOW PLEASE GET SOME SLEEP, OLIVER! I'LL PHONE YOU LATER...
YEAH... THANKS, PRETTY LADY! THANKS...
SLEEP WELL, OLIVER QUEEN... YOU MAY NOT DO SO AGAIN FOR A LONG, LONG TIME!

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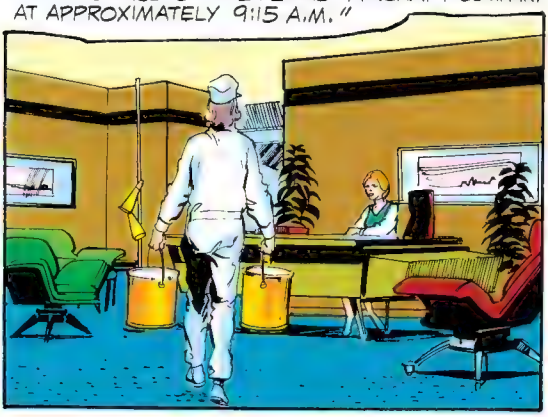
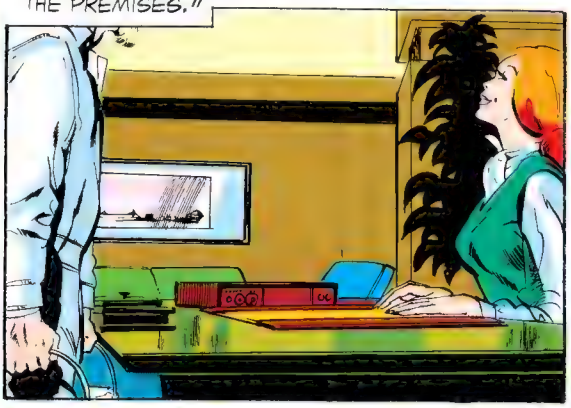
ARE YOU PEOPLE CRAZY?
HE'S TRYING TO SAVE US ALL!
STOP! YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING!
"...AND THROUGH HIM SAVE A WORLD!"

...and through him save a world...

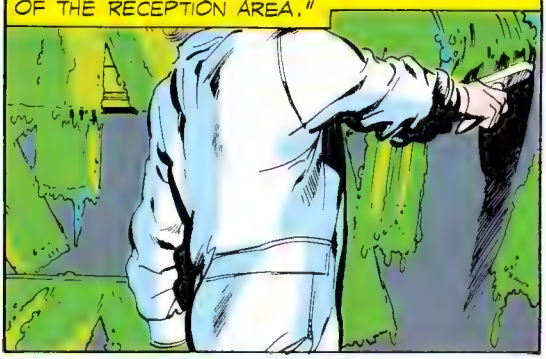
"THE MYSTERIOUS VANDAL WHO CALLS HIMSELF **ISAAC** STRUCK AGAIN EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING. ACCORDING TO POLICE REPORTS, HE ENTERED THE LOCAL OFFICE OF THE FERRIS AIRCRAFT COMPANY AT APPROXIMATELY 9:15 A.M."



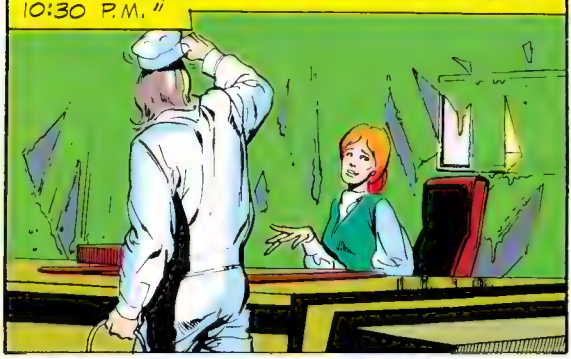
"POLICE SAY HE APPROACHED A RECEPTIONIST, MISS BARBI DOLE, AND REPRESENTED HIMSELF AS A HOUSE-PAINTER HIRED TO REDECORATE THE PREMISES."



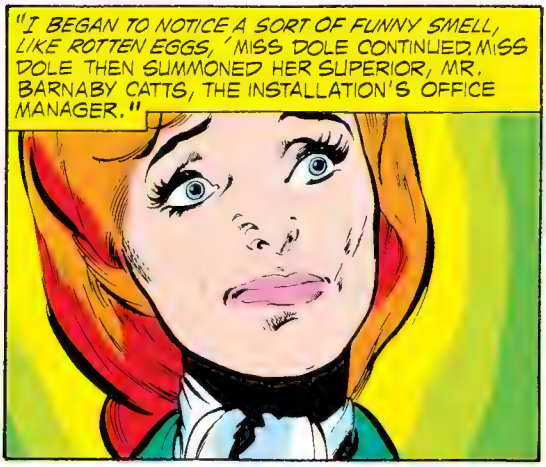
"FOR THE NEXT HOUR, HE SPREAD LIQUID FROM TWO BUCKETS HE CARRIED OVER THE WALLS AND RUG OF THE RECEPTION AREA."



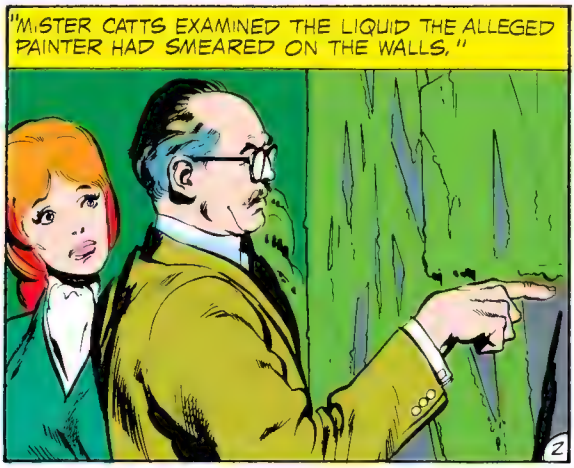
"MISS DOLE TOLD REPORTERS THAT HE THANKED HER POLITELY, AND LEFT THE BUILDING AT ABOUT 10:30 P.M."



"I BEGAN TO NOTICE A SORT OF FUNNY SMELL, LIKE ROTTEN EGGS,' MISS DOLE CONTINUED. MISS DOLE THEN SUMMONED HER SUPERIOR, MR. BARNABY CATTS, THE INSTALLATION'S OFFICE MANAGER."



"MISTER CATTS EXAMINED THE LIQUID THE ALLEGED PAINTER HAD SMEARED ON THE WALLS,"



"AFTER EXHAUSTIVE TESTS, MR. CATTS CONCLUDED IT WAS A MIXTURE OF INDUSTRIAL WASTE AND SEWER REFUSE,"
Late last night this newspaper received a note from the vandal. It states: "The Ferris Gang has been pumping poison into our air and water. I merely returned the compliment."
WELL...ARE YOU AS KNOCKED OUT BY THAT AS I AM?
NOT EXACTLY...
THERE ARE WAYS AND WAYS... AND I DON'T THINK CHILDISH PRANKS WILL SOLVE ANYTHING!
AGGGGG, BROTHER! YOU MAKE THE AVERAGE WET BLANKET LOOK LIKE A DESERT! YOU TICKED OFF BECAUSE ISAAC HAPPENED TO HIT THE FERRIS OUTFIT...
THE OUTFIT OWNED BY YOUR GIRL FRIEND CAROL? OR IS IT YOUR PIOUS LAW AND ORDER NUMBER AGAIN?
LOOK, I DIDN'T COME TO ARGUE! I CAME TO OFFER YOU A FREE RIDE... A VACATION!
I'M TAKING CAROL FERRIS TO...
...TO WHERE?
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BELIEVE THIS...BUT I'M FLYING HER TO ABRAHAM! WHERE YOUR ISAAC OPERATES!
IT'S PRETTY COUNTRY...LOTS OF WOODS AND STREAMS! -- INTERESTED?
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MATTER OF FACT... YES! I NEED TO LEAVE THE CITY... IT'S GIVING ME THE CRAWLIES! BESIDES, I COULD USE ARCHERY PRACTICE--!
EVER SINCE I TOOK THAT CROSSBOW SHAFT IN THE ARM, I'VE BEEN STIFF!-- SLOPPY!* YOU'RE ON!
*NOTE: ISSUE # 85.
BORNE ALOFT BY THE MYSTIC ENERGY THROBBING IN GREEN LANTERN'S POWER RING, THEY CROSS FORESTS, PLAINS, VALLEYS! AND THEY ARE SILENT, AWED BY THE LOVELINESS--
...UNTIL THEY REACH A CLUSTER OF UGLY STRUCTURES, SHOCKING AS BLOOD ON THE FACE OF A BABY!
MEET YOU LATER-- OKAY?
HAVE FUN, OLLIE!
FERRIS AIRCRAFT, INC. NO TRESPASSING
SOON, IN A FIELD SURROUNDED BY TREES...
FUNNY... I NEVER FEEL COMFORTABLE USING A BOW UNLESS I'M WEARING THE GREEN ARROW THREADS!
MAYBE CLOTHES DO MAKE THE MAN!
4

...UM! TWINGE OF PAIN IN THE TRICEPS! I HAVE A NASTY SUSPICION THE CHIPPED BONE DIDN'T HEAL PROPERLY!
I DON'T DARE PRACTICE IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD...I'D BE LIKELY TO SKEWER SOMEBODY, IT'S SO CROWDED!
YOU THERE! DON'T MOVE!
YOU EVEN TWITCH AND YOU'LL BE MY DOG'S MENU!
YOU'RE DRESSED UP AS ROBIN HOOD, HUH? MISTER, I AIN'T FOOLED!
DROP YOUR ARROW STUFF AND...
THIS REALLY HACKS IT--! I SPLIT THE CITY TO FIND PEACE AND FIRST THING I MEET IS A UNIFORM WEARING A MOUTH!
I AM NOT IMPRESSED--! BACK OFF!
THERE'S YOUR SUPPER, FANG! CHEW 'IM!
KRROW
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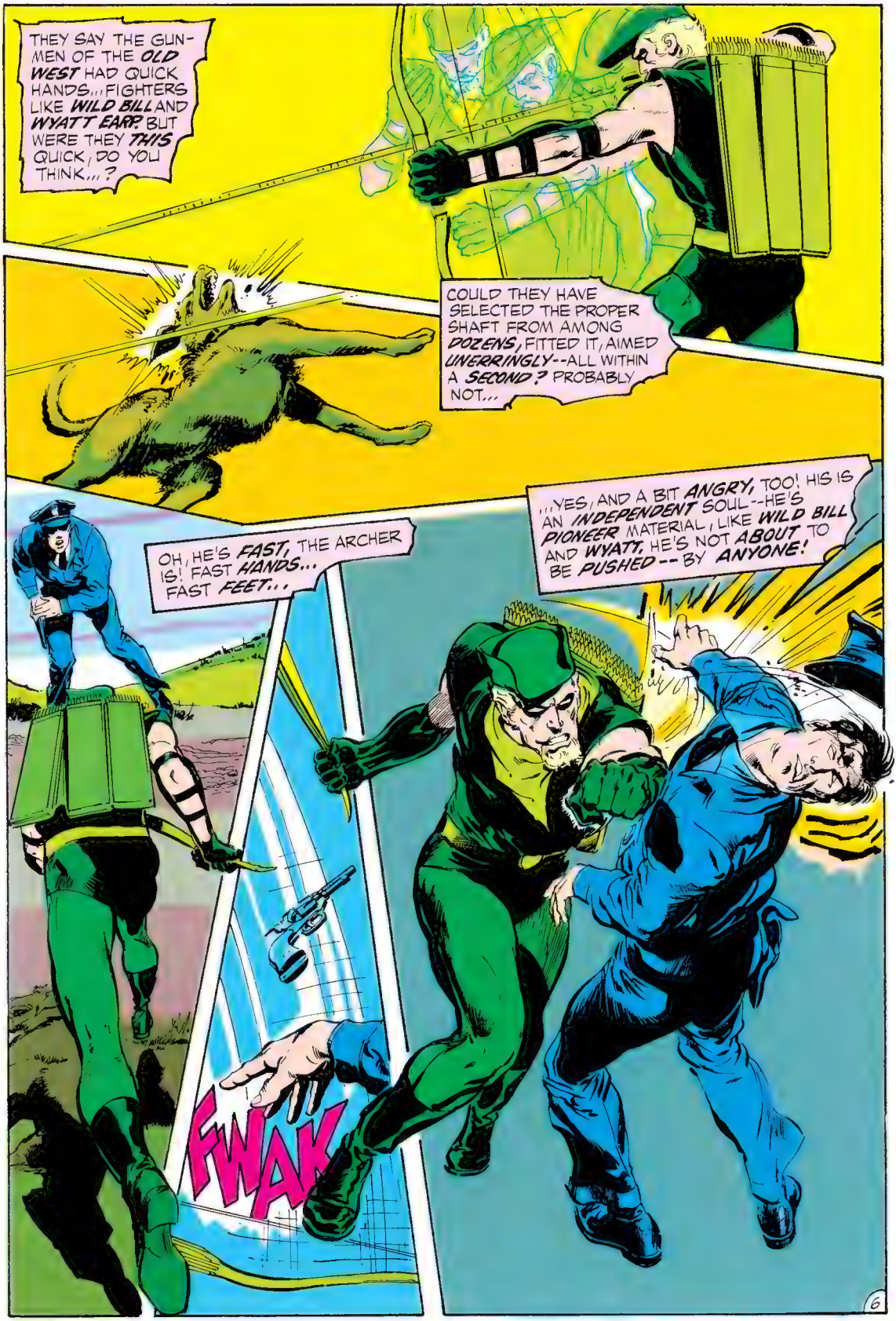
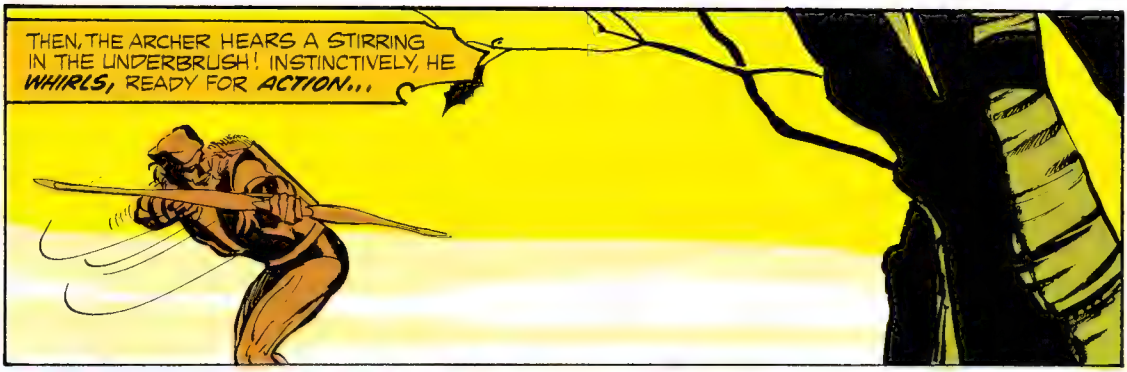
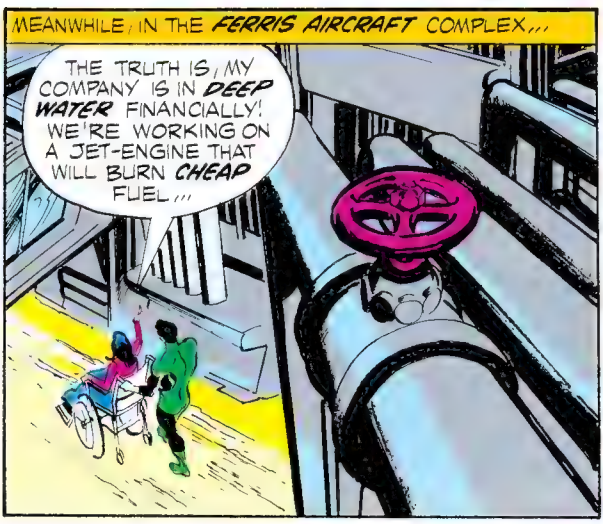

THEY SAY THE GUN-MEN OF THE OLD WEST HAD QUICK HANDS,,,FIGHTERS LIKE WILD BILL AND WYATT EARP BUT WERE THEY THIS QUICK, DO YOU THINK,,,?
COULD THEY HAVE SELECTED THE PROPER SHAFT FROM AMONG DOZENS, FITTED IT, AIMED UNERRINGLY--ALL WITHIN A SECOND? PROBABLY NOT...
OH, HE'S FAST, THE ARCHER IS! FAST HANDS... FAST FEET...
,,,YES, AND A BIT ANGRY, TOO! HIS IS AN INDEPENDENT SOUL--HE'S PIONEER MATERIAL, LIKE WILD BILL AND WYATT. HE'S NOT ABOUT TO BE PUSHED -- BY ANYONE!
FWAK

YOU FIGURE I'M GONNA HELP YOU UP..? DREAM ON!
YOU KILLED MY ANIMAL!
NOPE! I ONLY GAVE THE MUTT A HARD SHOT IN THE CHOPS! IT'LL RECOVER-- WITH A TOOTHACHE... I HOPE!
THAT DON'T CHANGE THE FACT YOU'RE TRESPASSING ON FERRIS PROPERTY!
YOU'D BETTER WATCH THAT HABIT YOU'VE GOT,,, OF BEING WRONG! I'M A GUEST... OF CAROL FERRIS!
WONDER IF SHE REALIZES HER EMPLOYEES ARE TRIGGER-HAPPY THUGS?
THAT CASE,,, I APOLOGIZE! WE BEEN HAVIN' TROUBLE...
A NUT CALLS HIMSELF ISAAC SABOTAGING OUR WORK! FANG GOT HOLD OF HIS SMELL!
PROBABLY 'CAUSE HE AIN'T BATHED FOR A SPELL,,,
... AND IT LED HERE!
MAYBE FANG NEEDS NOSE DROPS!
COULD BE HE DOES! SO LONG-- AN' NO HARD FEELIN'S!
HIS APOLOGY SOUNDED AS REAL AS A TIN-FOIL DIME! HE'S A LADDIE WHO'LL BEAR WATCHING!
BUT BACK TO BUSINESS,,, SINCE SLUGGING THE GUARD, MY SHOULDER REALLY HURTS!


THEN, THE ARCHER HEARS A STIRRING IN THE UNDERBRUSH! INSTINCTIVELY, HE WHIRLS, READY FOR ACTION...

HOWEVER, THERE IS NO DANGER! A TALL, GENTLE-MOVING MAN GLIDES ALMOST SOUNDLESSLY FROM SHADOW TO SUNLIGHT--

--AND SPEAKS IN THE VOICE OF SPRING RAIN!
GREETINGS, MY FRIEND! I AM... ISAAC!


MEANWHILE, IN THE FERRIS AIRCRAFT COMPLEX...
THE TRUTH IS, MY COMPANY IS IN DEEP WATER FINANCIALLY! WE'RE WORKING ON A JET-ENGINE THAT WILL BURN CHEAP FUEL...

IF WE FAIL, I MAY HAVE TO DECLARE BANK-RUPTCY!
THIS FUEL... HASN'T IT BEEN THE SUBJECT OF CONSIDERABLE CONTROVERSY? A FEW EXPERTS ARE SAYING IT'LL DO MORE HARM TO THE ENVIRONMENT THAN GOOD TO THE ECONOMY!

ALL I CAN SAY IS, WE'LL SOLVE THE ENVIRONMENT DIFFICULTIES WHEN THEY ARISE!
I BELIEVE IT! AMERICAN TECHNICIANS CAN GENERALLY SOLVE...
SORRY TO INTERRUPT, MISS FERRIS! BUT MAY I SEE YOU A MINUTE?
AS THE FOREMAN WHEELS CAROL AWAY, GREEN LANTERN ALLOWS HIMSELF THE LUXURY OF REFLECTION...
A PANORAMA OF INCREDIBLE BEAUTY AND THE INDUSTRIAL PLANT... UGLY!
MY COUNTRY... IN MINIATURE!
SUDDENLY...
MISS FERRIS... WATCH OUT! THE DRAINAGE RIG IS COLLAPSING!
THOOM
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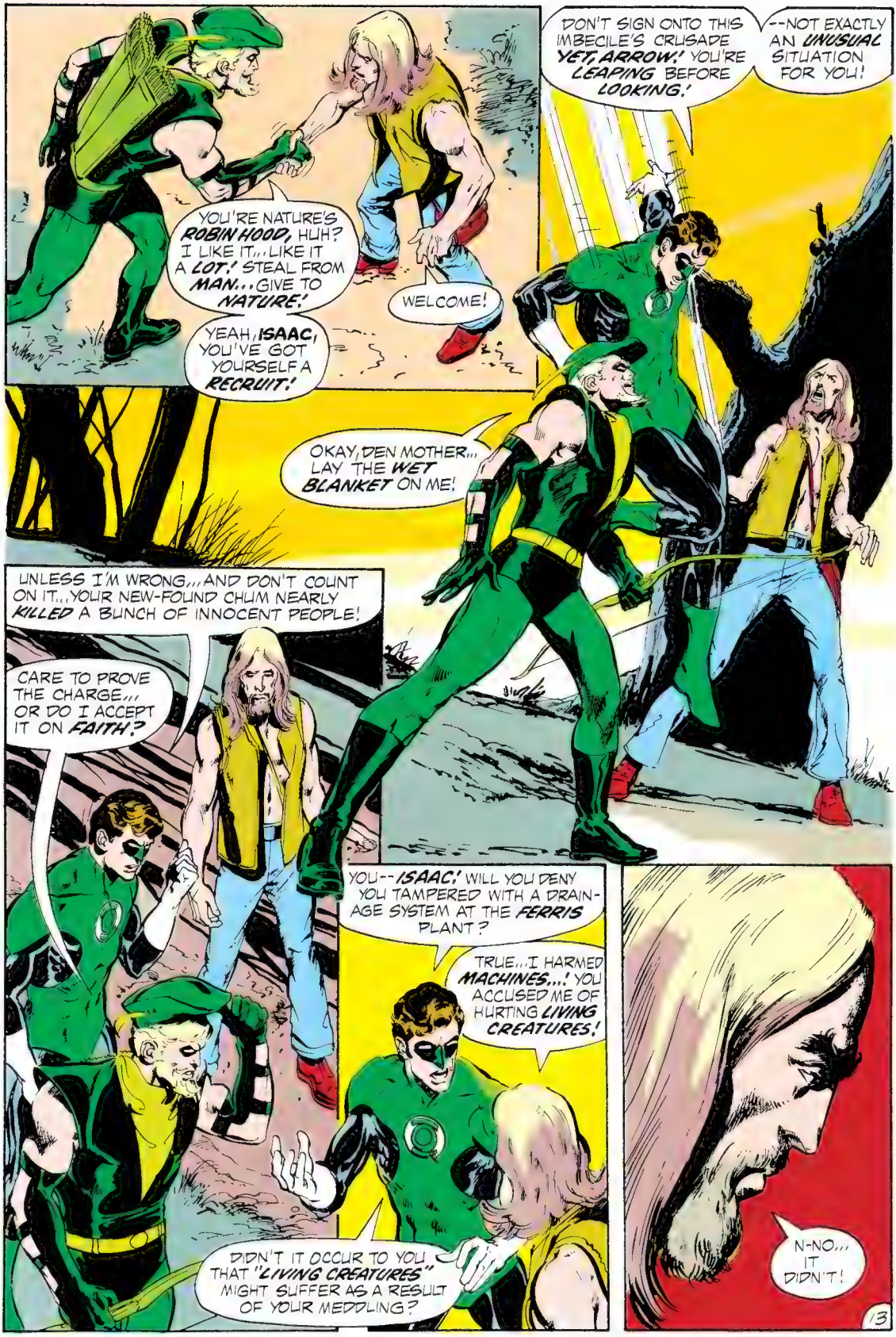
TH-THANKS, GREEN LANTERN! IF YOU HADN'T BEEN NEARBY,,,
,,,THEY'D HAVE HAD TO PICK US UP WITH BLOTTERS!
WE'VE NEVER HAD AN ACCIDENT LIKE THAT BEFORE!
IT WASN'T AN ACCIDENT, CAROL! LOOK,,,SMALL TRENCHES DUG AROUND THE RIG'S SUPPORTS! AS THE PIPES FILLED, THEIR WEIGHT CAUSED THE SUPPORTS TO SLIP.. BRINGING THE WHOLE SYSTEM CRASHING DOWN!
THE MISHAP WAS CAUSED.. DELIBERATELY! EXCUSE ME,,, I HAVE A SMALL DUTY!
STEPPING BEHIND A TOOL SHED, THE EMERALD CRUSADER PERFORMS A TIMELESS RITUAL...
TROUBLE FOLLOWS ME LIKE A TEENYBOPPER ON THE TRAIL OF A ROCK STAR!... WHICH IS THE REASON I BROUGHT ALONG MY POWER BATTERY!
NO TELLING HOW SOON I'LL BE ABLE TO RECHARGE MY RING, SO,,,
IN BRIGHTEST DAY, IN BLACKEST NIGHT, NO EVIL SHALL ESCAPE MY SIGHT! LET THOSE WHO WORSHIP EVIL'S MIGHT, BEWARE MY POWER-- GREEN LANTERN'S LIGHT!

CAROL, YOU'VE GOT A CRIMINAL IN THE AREA... NOT FOR LONG, THOUGH! I'LL BRING HIM IN!
I BET IT'S THAT NUT, ISAAC!
I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED!
I'LL COLLECT GREEN ARROW! HE'LL PROBABLY BE HAPPY TO PLAY DETECTIVE!
I DON'T DOUBT THE NEW FERRIS ENGINE IS ECONOMICAL! BUT IT CAN'T CLAIM ANY QUIET..!
AS GREEN LANTERN STREAKS TOWARD THE FOREST, HIS EARS ARE ASSAULTED BY A FEROCIOUS DIN..,
RK
THE RACKET IS ENOUGH TO DRIVE A PERSON BATTY!
RRRRRROOOAAAARRR
NO WONDER THEY TEST IT OUTDOORS!

AND, TWO MILES DISTANT...
I NOTICE YOU FAVORING YOUR RIGHT ARM, FRIEND! IS IT INJURED?
BONE WAS CHIPPED...STRAINED THE MUSCLE!
PERHAPS I CAN HELP! I HAVE A DRESSING OF WILD HERBS... SOOTHING TO MUSCULAR HURT!
HEY!... FEELS GREAT!
HOW'D YOU GET INVOLVED IN THESE ANTI-POLLUTION CAPERS?
I WAS A SCIENTIST... CONTENT, PRODUCTIVE! ONE DAY I BEGAN COUGHING-- MY CHEST FELT LIKE IT WAS IN THE GRIP OF A VISE!
THE DOCTORS REMINDED ME THAT BOTH OF MY PARENTS DIED OF LUNG DISEASE AGGRAVATED BY INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION!
THEY TOLD ME I TOO WOULD DIE UNLESS I ESCAPED THE POLLUTION...BUT I CAN'T ESCAPE... NONE OF US CAN!
I MOVED ON, AND ON...AND FINALLY, I DECIDED TO STAND!--TO STRIKE BACK!
I TAUGHT MYSELF THE LORE OF NATURE! I FOUND COMPANIONS IN THE BIRDS AND BEASTS!
WITH THEIR HELP, AND THE HELP OF GOOD MEN WHO WILL SURELY JOIN ME, WE SHALL TRIUMPH OVER THE POISONERS!


YOU'RE NATURE'S ROBIN HOOD, HUH? I LIKE IT,,, LIKE IT A LOT.' STEAL FROM MAN...GIVE TO NATURE.'
WELCOME!
YEAH, ISAAC, YOU'VE GOT YOURSELF A RECRUIT.'
DON'T SIGN ONTO THIS IMBECILE'S CRUSADE YET, ARROW.' YOU'RE LEAPING BEFORE LOOKING.'
--NOT EXACTLY AN UNUSUAL SITUATION FOR YOU!
OKAY, DEN MOTHER,,, LAY THE WET BLANKET ON ME!
UNLESS I'M WRONG,,, AND DON'T COUNT ON IT,,, YOUR NEW-FOUND CHUM NEARLY KILLED A BUNCH OF INNOCENT PEOPLE!
CARE TO PROVE THE CHARGE,,, OR DO I ACCEPT IT ON FAITH?
YOU--ISAAC.' WILL YOU DENY YOU TAMPERED WITH A DRAINAGE SYSTEM AT THE FERRIS PLANT?
TRUE,,, I HARMED MACHINES,,,.' YOU ACCUSED ME OF HURTING LIVING CREATURES.'
DIDN'T IT OCCUR TO YOU THAT "LIVING CREATURES" MIGHT SUFFER AS A RESULT OF YOUR MEDDLING?
N-NO,,, IT DIDN'T!

LANTERN... YOU'RE DENSE! CAN'T YOU UNDERSTAND ISAAC'S OBEYING A HIGHER LAW THAN ANY OF MAN'S?
A FEW OF FERRIS'S LACKEYS ARE INCONVENIENCED! IS THAT WORSE THAN THE RUIN OF A PLANET... OUR WORLD?
REASONING WITH GREEN ARROW IS AS HOPELESS AS REASONING WITH A BROKEN RECORD!
ISAAC... YOU BROKE A LAW... AND YOU'LL BE TRIED... IN COURT!
NO CHANCE, RING-SLINGER...
ISAAC... HOLD YOUR BREATH!
A THICK VAPOR BILLOWS FROM THE SPEEDING SHAFT--THICK AND CHOKING...
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DON'T FRET,,,HE'LL RECOVER! I DOSED HIM WITH A HARMLESS SLEEPING GAS!
YOU,,,, FILTH!
YOU'RE AS BAD AS THE REST...RELEASING FOULNESS INTO OUR PRECIOUS ATMOSPHERE!
YOU PRETEND TO LOVE YOUR FELLOW MAN--BUT YOUR ACTIONS REVEAL YOU TO BE A LIAR!
INTO THE GATHERING DARKNESS, ISAAC VANISHES,,,LEAVING THE ARCHER ALONE, CONFUSED,,,
,,,IN TORMENT,,,
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LIFE USED TO BE SO SIMPLE... A RIGHT-- AND A WRONG! ALL YOU HAD TO DO WAS PICK THE RIGHT ONE!
ON YOUR FEET-- SLOW!
I RELOADED MY GUN... AND I BROUGHT BUDDIES! YOU WON'T FOX ME A SECOND TIME!
WE SEEN IT ALL... YOU LETTIN' THE SABOTEUR ESCAPE! YOU'RE AS GUILTY AS HIM--!
I'M GLAD YOU CHAPS STOPPED BY!--
--I'M IN THE MOOD FOR A SPOT OF VIOLENCE!
I'LL FIND MY BOW AND WE CAN HAVE A NICE BLOOD-BATH!
WHERE THE DEVIL DID I HEAVE MY BOW--?
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G-HHHA!
GET MEAN WITH ME, WILL YA?
ARROW..I'M GROGGY! WHAT HAPPENED?
SHOULD WE DO THE RING-ONE, TOO?
CHECK! "BIRDS OF A FEATHER"--AS THE FELLA SAYS!
THOK
HAUL 'EM TO THE TEST-SITE! WE'LL HAVE THE PRIVACY THERE TO TEACH 'EM A LESSON...
...WITHOUT SOME HUNTER STUMBLIN' THROUGH TO SPOIL OUR FUN!
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NIGHT FALLS SWIFTLY, AS THOUGH TO VEIL SHAME FROM THE BALEFUL, ORANGE EYE OF THE MOON...
CAPTORS AND CAPTIVES PAUSE AT THE EDGE OF THE TEST-SITE...
CHIEF--LOOK! YOU SEEIN' THE SAME'S I SEE?
I DUNNO! GOTTA GET CLOSER...
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HEY, BOY! HOW'D YOU MANAGE TO STRING YOURSELF UP LIKE THAT?
DOES IT MATTER? IT'S NOT ENOUGH THAT YOU CAN'T REMOVE ME FROM THIS POLLUTION MACHINE,,, WITHOUT RIPPING OUT MY ARMS!
WELL, MAYBE WE JUST WILL RIP 'EM OUT!
HOLD IT!
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? WHY IS THAT MAN UP THERE? HE'S HOLDING UP OUR TESTING!
MR. TYRONE,,, UH,,, I DUNNO,,, HE'S THE GUY WHO'S BEEN MESSIN' UP OUR EQUIPMENT!
FIGGERS TO STOP THE TESTS, I GUESS!
WELL, GET A TORCH AND CUT HIM DOWN! WE'LL TURN HIM OVER TO THE POLICE!
YESSIR!
NO!
WHAT?
LISTEN, MR. TYRONE--THAT CREEP HAS COST A LOT OF US MONEY... WORK HOURS... AND MAYBE EVEN,,, THIS PROJECT COULD BE SCRAPPED!
YEAH, IF WE GIVE 'IM TO THE COPS,,, THEY'LL HOLD HIM FOR A FEW WEEKS AND HE'LL BE BACK!
RIGHT,,, HE'S GOTTA BE TAUGHT A LESSON. LEAVE 'IM THERE OVER THE WEEK-END!
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WE DON'T GOTTA TEST ANY MORE TONIGHT. SEE HOW HE LIKES IT HANGIN' THERE FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS.
LANTERN... C'MON, WE GOTTA PUT A STOP TO THIS!
LOOK, YOU PEOPLE, I'M JUST ASSISTANT FOREMAN HERE... AND I GOTTA LOOK AFTER MISS FERRIS' INTERESTS! OF COURSE, IF...
NO! NO! DON'T DO IT! LISTEN TO ME!
GRAB 'IM!
PLEASE... PLEASE... YOU MUST... LISTEN!

HE'S JUST TRYING TO HELP US ALL, DON'T YOU SEE? WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE IS WRONG!
I KNOW IT MIGHT MEAN YOUR JOBS, BUT THIS PLANT--THIS WHOLE PROJECT IS CAPABLE OF KILLING PEOPLE! OLD PEOPLE WHO NEED CLEAN AIR TO LIVE, ASTHMATICS AND PEOPLE WITH LUNG DISEASES!
CHILDREN AND ADULTS WHO ARE MAYBE IN HOSPITALS HANGING BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH,,, WHERE THE BALANCE MAY BE TIPPED BY THE VERY AIR THEY BREATHE,,,THE AIR THAT YOU WOULD POLLUTE!
TAKE HIM DOWN, TALK TO HIM! MAYBE YOU CAN WORK OUT A COMPROMISE... A DEAL,,,
NEVER! NO DEALS!
HOW CAN I COMPROMISE WITH DEATH? SHALL WE HAVE HALF-DEATH--SHALL WE HAVE HALF-DIS-EASE--SHALL WE POLLUTE HALF THE POPULATION--SHALL WE HAVE ONE CHILD DIE INSTEAD OF TWO? NO, GREEN ARROW... YOU TOO ARE GUILTY...
ME? WHAT ABOUT YOU? YOU ALMOST KILLED A COUPLE PEOPLE TODAY BECAUSE OF YOUR ATTITUDE! DID YOU TELL THESE PEOPLE THAT.. YOU POMPOUS,,,
ARROW!
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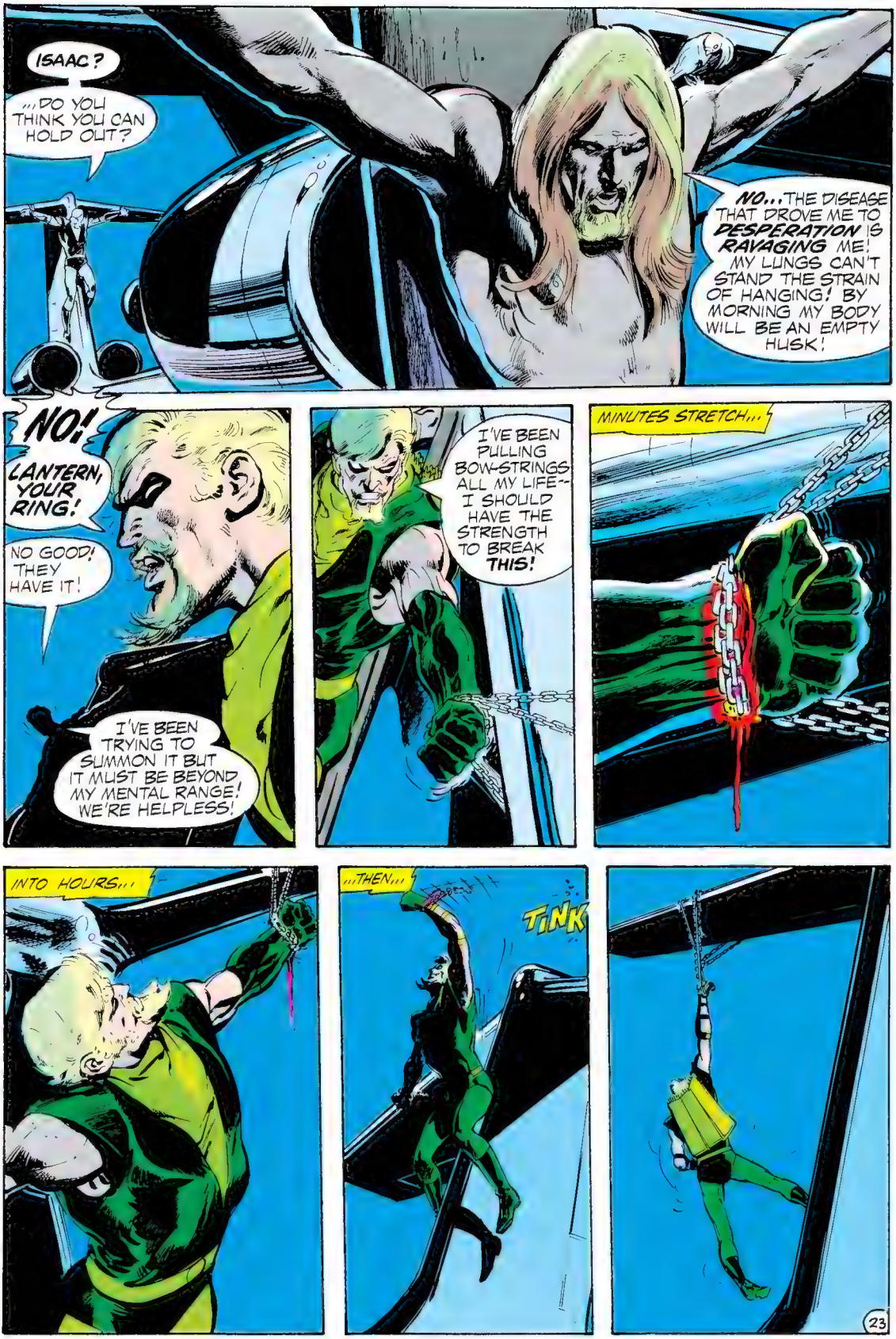
BUT HE...
YOU HEARD IT, MR. TYRONE, WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH THEM?
ANYTHING YOU WANT... I WASH MY HANDS OF THE WHOLE MATTER!
OKAY, GUYS... LET'S STRING THESE GUYS UP TO THE TAIL ASSEMBLIES-- THIS ISAAC GUY NEEDS COMPANY!
C'MON... LET'S HEAD FOR TOWN! I'M NEEDIN' A POKER GAME... AN' A FEW COLD BREWS!


ISAAC?
...DO YOU THINK YOU CAN HOLD OUT?
NO...THE DISEASE THAT DROVE ME TO DESPERATION IS RAVAGING ME! MY LUNGS CAN'T STAND THE STRAIN OF HANGING! BY MORNING MY BODY WILL BE AN EMPTY HUSK!
NO! LANTERN, YOUR RING!
NO GOOD! THEY HAVE IT!
I'VE BEEN TRYING TO SUMMON IT BUT IT MUST BE BEYOND MY MENTAL RANGE! WE'RE HELPLESS!
I'VE BEEN PULLING BOW-STRINGS ALL MY LIFE--I SHOULD HAVE THE STRENGTH TO BREAK THIS!
MINUTES STRETCH...
INTO HOURS...
...THEN...
TINK

GREEN LANTERN! ONE OF MY SECURITY FORCE GOT DRUNK! THE POLICE FOUND YOUR RING IN HIS POCKET!
ISAAC IS DEAD, CAROL!
HE CONFESSED... EVERYTHING! I'M TERRIBLY SORRY!
ISAAC DIED AS THE SUN WAS RISING!
GUESS HE WAS KINDA CRAZY..!
SURE HE WAS... MAD WITH A NOBILITY FAR BEYOND ANY YOU OR I CAN EVEN ASPIRE TO!
I SUPPOSE PROGRESS MUST ALWAYS CLAIM VICTIMS!

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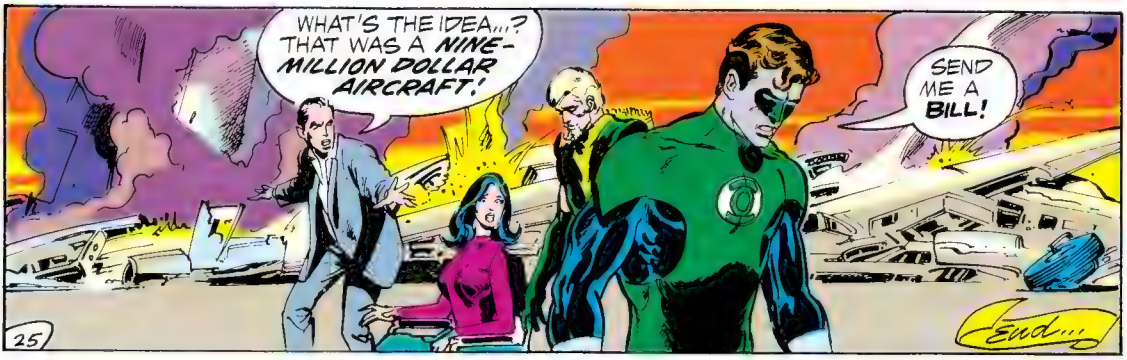
WHAT'S THE IDEA...? THAT WAS A NINE-MILLION DOLLAR AIRCRAFT!
SEND ME A BILL!
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End...

GREEN LANTERN
CO-STARRING
GREEN ARROW
"THE KILLING OF AN ARCHER!"
Chapter 1
THE THUG WHO'S BEEN THROWING HIS WEIGHT AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD SHOULD BE WAITING IN THAT ALLEY!
COULDN'T IMPROVE ON IT AS A SITE FOR A BUSHWHACKING!
IF I HAD THE BRAINS OF A BOLL WEEVIL, I WOULDN'T WALK IN THERE--
IN EXACTLY TWO MINUTES, THE LIFE OF THE GREEN ARROW WILL BE CHANGED--IRREVOCABLY! WATCH NOW, AND WITNESS THE DESTRUCTION OF ONE NOBLE MAN'S SOUL...
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BUT SMARTS NEVER WERE MY LONG SUIT! AND FACE IT-- I'M PLAIN BORED!
I CRAVE ACTION!
YA DIDN'T CHICKEN OUT, HUH? -- SURPRISE!
OKAY, BIG MOUTH-- PLAY IT FOR ME! WHY YOU GOING AROUND THIS SLUM PICKING ON PEOPLE SMALLER THAN YOU?
WHY'D YOU LEAVE THAT DUMB CHALLENGE IN MY MAIL BOX?--YOU REALLY WANT TO GET HANDED YOUR HEAD?
IT AIN'T ME GONNA LOSE A HEAD--
OKAY, GUYS-- THE LIGHT!
HE'S BLINDED!-- TAKE HIM!
SMASH HIM!-- ONLY REMEMBER... IT'S GOTTA LOOK LIKE A MUGGING WHEN THEY FIND HIS BODY TOMORROW!
GOT TO PROTECT MY HEAD TILL MY EYES CLEAR!
MY BAD ARM--! BUMMED IT...TWICE... IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS!
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PAIN... ALMOST TOO GREAT! -- BETTER FIGHT BACK-- WHILE I'M STILL ABLE!
OOOMPA
I'LL USE MY FISTS TO BUY TIME...
...TO DO MY REAL THING! I'M ALWAYS BETTER WITH ARROWS THAN KNUCKLES--
--ESPECIALLY WHEN I'M OUTNUMBERED!
FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS... GET RID OF THAT GLARE!
THE ODDS ARE STILL WITH THE THUGS...
...BUT AT LEAST THEIR DARK GLASSES DON'T GIVE THEM A TOTAL ADVANTAGE ANYMORE!
RICKY! WE AIN'T GONNA BE ABLE TO HANDLE HIM BARE-HANDED! USE THE GUN-- UNNGH!
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SPEEEEANG
SO THEY BROUGHT INSURANCE...A SNIPER ON THE FIRE-ESCAPE!
THAT LADDY'S ABOUT TO BE SURPRISED--! I'LL TAKE HIS RIFLE AWAY WITH A SHAFT...
...AND THEN MAYBE DO A TAP DANCE ON HIS DELICATE HEAD!
BUT, AS THE ARCHER'S FINGERS RELAX ON THE BOWSTRING--AGONY!
UNN-GH!
BLASTED ARM...HURT! LOUSED UP MY AIM!
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DEAD! I MISSED!--AND KILLED HIM!
MEANWHILE, AT A DISTANT CITY, A FAMILIAR GREEN-CLAD FIGURE SWOOPS GRACEFULLY FROM THE CLOUDS TOWARD THE TOP FLOOR OF A HOTEL...
I ENJOY BEING A GREEN LANTERN--
--BUT IT FEELS GOOD TO GET BACK TO PAYING ATTENTION TO MY HAL JORDAN IDENTITY!
FOR ONE THING, I'M BROKE! THE SAVINGS I'VE BEEN LIVING OFF THESE LAST SIX MONTHS ARE GONE!
I WONDER WHAT THE WANT ADS HAVE FOR AN EX-TEST PILOT... EX-INSURANCE AGENT... EX-TOY SALESMAN... AND PART-TIME CRIME-FIGHTER!
EH...? IT'S ALWAYS THIS WAY! I GET INTO SOMETHING AND THE PHONE RINGS!
BRIINNG!
HAL? SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO...OUR FRIEND!
GREEN ARRO-- OLLIE QUEEN?

YES...HE JUST CALLED ME...TO SAY GOOD-BYE--FOREVER! HE SOUNDED DESPERATE!
DINAH... I'LL MEET YOU AT HIS PLACE IN AN HOUR!
HAL JORDAN'S PROBLEMS WILL HAVE TO WAIT--!
IN BRIGHTEST DAY, IN BLACKEST NIGHT, NO EVIL SHALL ESCAPE MY SIGHT! LET THOSE WHO WORSHIP EVIL'S MIGHT, BEWARE MY POWER... GREEN LANTERN'S LIGHT!
AN AGELESS RITUAL...THE CHARGING OF RING TO POWER BATTERY--
--AND A HUNGRY LEAP AT THE SKY!
ARROW'S BEEN... DISTURBED LATELY! HIS CONFIDENCE IS BADLY DAMAGED--
--BY HIS FAILURE TO SAVE ISAAC'S LIFE--AND HIS WARD'S ADDICTION!*
THOSE HANG-UPS...PLUS HIS NATURAL TENDENCY TOWARD HOT-HEADEDNESS... PLUS HIS FRUSTRATED ROMANCE WITH DINAH LANCE--
--MIGHT LEAD HIM TO ANYTHING!
*NOTE: GREEN LANTERN/ GREEN ARROW NUMBERS 89 & 85-86!
I'LL SOON KNOW WHAT! THERE'S HIS BUILDING--!
NOBODY HOME-- AS EXPECTED! DINAH-- THE BLACK CANARY--HASN'T ARRIVED YET!
MIGHT AS WELL TAKE A LOOK AROUND!
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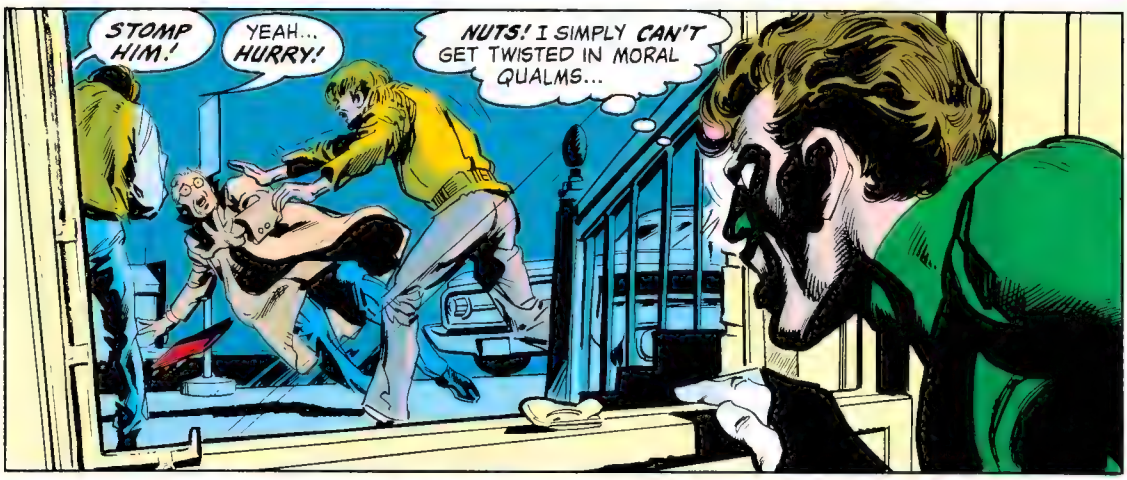
UMMM... THIS IS ODD! -- THE ARROW'S FAVORITE BOW... DELIBERATELY BROKEN --
-- AND HIS ARROWS... BENT... RUINED...
-- AND HIS COSTUME... IN SHREDS!
THIS STINKS... OF TROUBLE! GREEN ARROW MADE HIS EQUIPMENT PERSONALLY -- HE'S PROUD OF IT!
BUG OFF, OLD DINK! 'FORE YOU'RE HURT!
DON'T THREATEN ME, YOUNG PUNK!
A HASSLE OUTSIDE --!

THREE YOUNG MEN... PUSHING AN OLD ONE! WELL, I CAN PUT A VERY HASTY STOP TO...

...BUT SHOULD I? I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE SITUATION... THE YOUNGSTERS MAY BE IN THE RIGHT!
ONCE, IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD, I INTERFERED... AND MADE A COLOSSAL MISTAKE!*
* NOTE: THE AWARD-WINNING GL/GA #76!


STOMP HIM!
YEAH... HURRY!
NUTS! I SIMPLY CAN'T GET TWISTED IN MORAL QUALMS...

...HAVE TO DECIDE-- AND HOPE I'M NOT BEING STUPID AGAIN!
LOOK... IT'S GREEN LANTERN-- THE ARROWS PAL!
I AIN'T GONNA GIVE HIM A SHOT AT SCRAGGIN' ME LIKE HIS BUDDY DID TO RICKY!
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AHHHH... I FEEL MUCH BETTER! I'M CERTAIN OF VERY LITTLE... BUT ANYONE WHO STARTS WAVING WEAPONS WHEN VIOLENCE ISN'T NECESSARY...
...IS EITHER SICK...OR DUMB... OR ROTTEN!
?!
...AND IN ANY CASE, SUCH PEOPLE NEED STOPPING!
OF THIS, I AM SURE!--CLOSEST I'VE GOT TO A... CREED!
YOU MAY AS WELL STOP EXERCISING YOUR LEGS, FELLAS! YOU'RE NOT RUNNING ANYWHERE--
--AT LEAST NOT TILL YOU DO SOME EXPLAINING!
I'LL EXPLAIN, GREEN LANTERN! THEM THREE WAS STEALIN' FROM THE CELLAR!
NAH... WE WASN'T!

SAVE IT! WE'LL GET OFF THE STREET... AND YOU CAN PROTEST TO YOUR HEARTS' CONTENT!
THEN... MAYBE WE'LL CALL THE POLICE!
N-NO! WE DON'T WANNA GO INSIDE!
WE WASN'T STEALIN'!
YOU WERE IN THAT RAT-HOLE TO ENJOY THE SCENERY?
P-PLEASE--!
YOU'RE TERRIFIED... SCARED TO SHIVERS! WHY? TALK!
'C-CAUSE WE PLANTED A... A BOMB!
...SET TO EXPLODE... NOW!!
BADOOM!
A WRACKING EXPLOSION WHICH SUNDERS... SHATTERS! A HORRIBLE REPORT THAT DEMANDS ANSWERS TO EQUALLY HORRIBLE QUESTIONS! WHERE IS GREEN ARROW... AND CAN HIS PARTNER POSSIBLY BE ALIVE?

GREEN LANTERN
CO-STARRING
GREEN ARROW
THE BOMB WE PLANTED IN THE BASEMENT...
...IT'S SET TO GO OFF-- NOW!
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SUDDENLY, THE WORLD SEEMED TO SHATTER AS FIRE GOUTED FROM THE ANCIENT WINDOWS AND AN EXPLOSION ROCKED THE PAVEMENT WITH EARTHQUAKE FORCE...
A WAIL OF DISTANT SIRENS...THE CRACKLE OF FLAMES...THE STENCH OF SMOKE! -- THESE HERALD THE END OF A LIFE! FOR SOON, A TORTURED AND NOBLE MAN WILL SAY--
"GREEN ARROW IS DEAD!"
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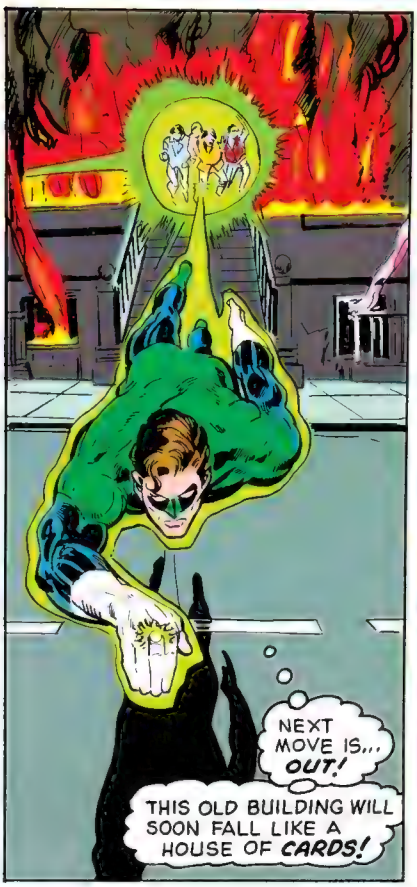
GO BACK IN TIME, AND WITNESS WHAT HAPPENED IN THAT SMALL, DANK ROOM AS THE FATEFUL WORD WAS UTTERED...



GOT TO CONCENTRATE... POUR EVERY IOTA OF WILL-POWER INTO THE RING--
--OR THE TENEMENT WILL CRASH... LIVES WILL BE LOST!
I'M ABOUT FINISHED! BUT HELP HAS ARRIVED... FINALLY!
I'VE HAD IT... TOO TIRED TO MOVE!
GOTTA GATHER MY STRENGTH BEFORE I DELIVER THE BOMBERS TO THE AUTHORITIES...
GREEN LANTERN! I SAW WHAT YOU DID! YOU WERE MAGNIFICENT!
THANKS, BLACK CANARY! I APPRECIATE A BIT OF EGO-BOO NOW AND AGAIN!
YOU DIDN'T COME TO START MY FAN CLUB, THOUGH-- DID YOU?
NOT EXACTLY! I WAS WONDERING IF YOU'VE HAD ANY WORD FROM OLLIE... GREEN ARROW!
I'VE BEEN TERRIBLY WORRIED ABOUT HIM... EVER SINCE HE CALLED TO TELL ME GOOD-BYE!
YOU'LL BE MORE WORRIED WHEN I TELL YOU I FOUND HIS BOW AND ARROWS BROKEN... HIS COSTUME RIPPED TO SHREDS!
BUT HE'D SOONER GIVE UP HIS THUMBS THAN HIS ARCHERY EQUIPMENT!
RIGHT! YOU CONTINUE SEARCHING THE NEIGHBORHOOD-- I'LL CHECK SOME OTHER LIKELY SPOTS!
MEET YOU HERE AT SEVEN TO COMPARE NOTES!
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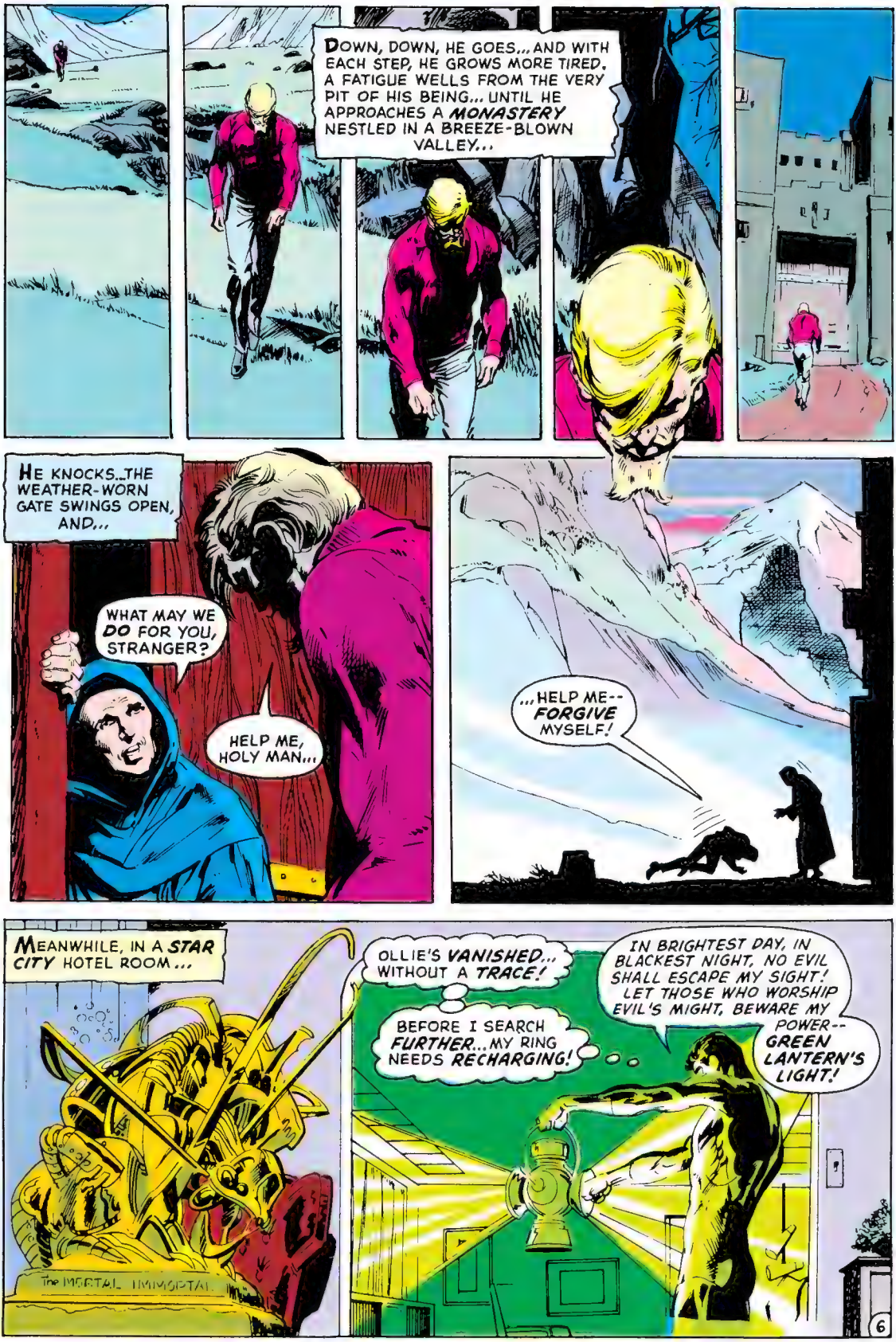
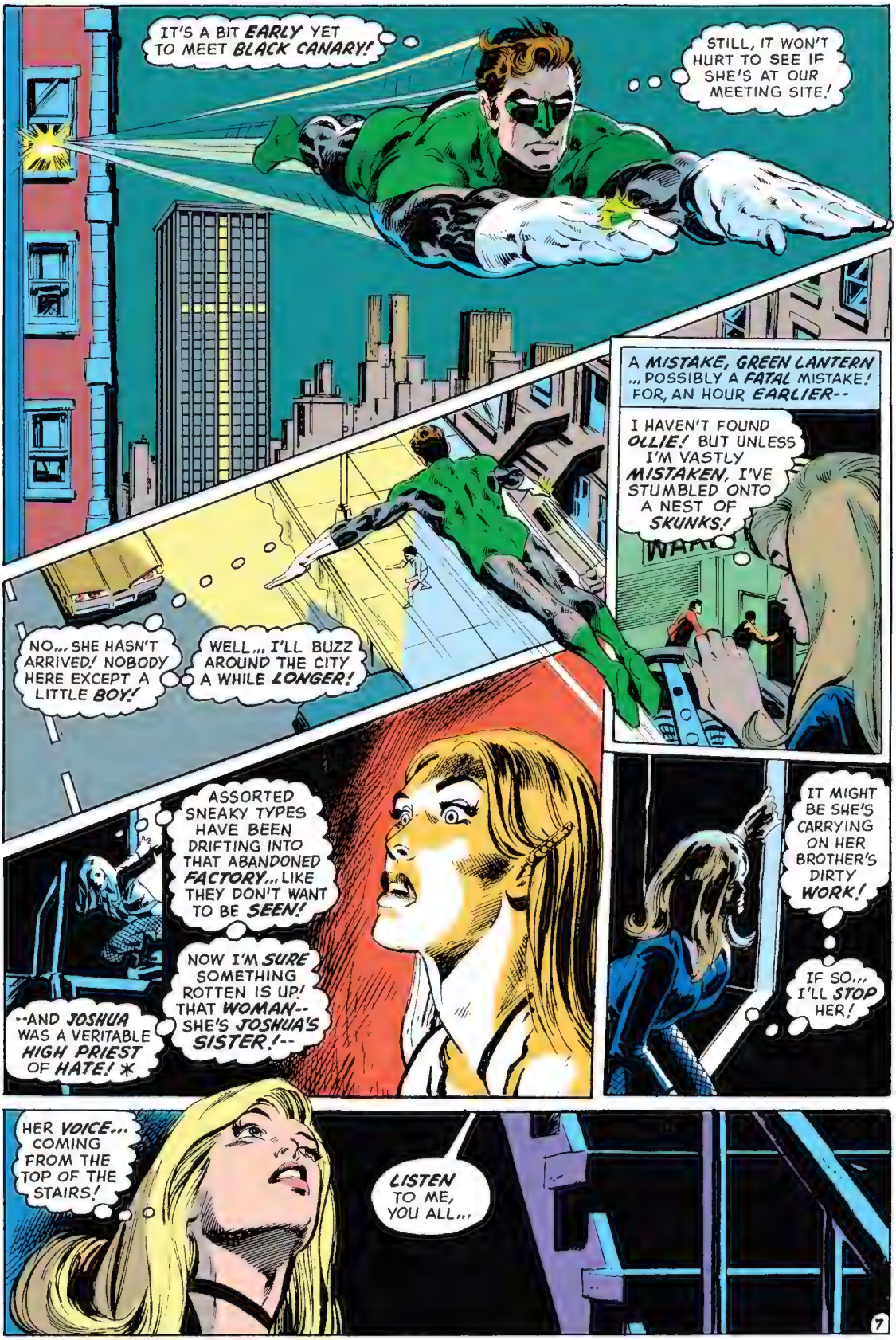
HOWEVER,,, THE SEARCH IN STAR CITY IS DESTINED TO FAILURE! OLIVER QUEEN -- THE GREEN ARROW -- IS FAR, FAR FROM HIS USUAL HAUNTS,,, IN THE COCKPIT OF A SLEEK JET HIGH ABOVE A MOUNTAIN RANGE,,,
,,,AND HIS MIND IS IN TURMOIL!
CAN'T GET IT OUT OF MY HEAD,,,THE SCENE IN THAT ALLEY! COCKY OLLIE -- THAT WAS ME!
I DIDN'T NEED TO CHASE THOSE GUYS,,, I FIGURED IT FOR A TRAP --
--BUT I THOUGHT I WAS COOL ENOUGH TO HANDLE ANYTHING!
I DIDN'T ANTICIPATE THE SPOTLIGHT THEY'D RIGGED!
"--DIDN'T ANTICIPATE A TWINGE OF PAIN IN THE ARM I'D INJURED EARLIER,,, JUST AS I SHOT AT THE SNIPER!"
"AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY IDIOT LIFE,,, I MISSED! --MISSED HIS GUN AND HIT HIM,,, SAW HIM TOPPLE AND FALL, LIMP AS A RAG DOLL!,,,"
"AND I KNEW BEFORE I DARED LOOK,,, HE WAS DEAD! I'D KILLED HIM!,,,"

I'LL NEVER FORGET THE SOUND OF MY SHAFT SMASHING INTO HIS BODY... OR THE SOUND OF HIS CORPSE STRIKING THE PAVEMENT!
SCRATCH ONE HUMAN EXISTENCE... BECAUSE I WAS-- STUPID!
SO... ALSO SCRATCH ONE SUPER-HERO!
THE SECOND I LOOSED MY ARROW... I WAS FINISHED!
THE ARROWPLANE WAS THE SINGLE THING I MANAGED TO HOLD ONTO AFTER I LOST MY FORTUNE...
...AND THE LAST THING I HAVE TO REMIND ME OF MY GREEN ARROW CAREER!
IT'LL CRASH..
IT'S GONE! AND... GREEN ARROW IS DEAD!
BELOW, ON A HEATHER-CARPETED SLOPE, THE AIR IS COOL, GENTLE...! THERE, OLIVER QUEEN FREES HIMSELF OF THE PARACHUTE AND BEGINS A SMALL JOURNEY...


DOWN, DOWN, HE GOES... AND WITH EACH STEP, HE GROWS MORE TIRED. A FATIGUE WELLS FROM THE VERY PIT OF HIS BEING... UNTIL HE APPROACHES A MONASTERY NESTLED IN A BREEZE-BLOWN VALLEY...
HE KNOCKS...THE WEATHER-WORN GATE SWINGS OPEN, AND...
WHAT MAY WE DO FOR YOU, STRANGER?
HELP ME, HOLY MAN...
...HELP ME-- FORGIVE MYSELF!
MEANWHILE, IN A STAR CITY HOTEL ROOM...
the IMMORTAL IMMORTAL
OLLIE'S VANISHED... WITHOUT A TRACE!
BEFORE I SEARCH FURTHER... MY RING NEEDS RECHARGING!
IN BRIGHTEST DAY, IN BLACKEST NIGHT, NO EVIL SHALL ESCAPE MY SIGHT! LET THOSE WHO WORSHIP EVIL'S MIGHT, BEWARE MY POWER-- GREEN LANTERN'S LIGHT!


IT'S A BIT EARLY YET TO MEET BLACK CANARY!
STILL, IT WON'T HURT TO SEE IF SHE'S AT OUR MEETING SITE!
A MISTAKE, GREEN LANTERN ... POSSIBLY A FATAL MISTAKE! FOR, AN HOUR EARLIER--
I HAVEN'T FOUND OLLIE! BUT UNLESS I'M VASTLY MISTAKEN, I'VE STUMBLED ONTO A NEST OF SKUNKS!
NO... SHE HASN'T ARRIVED! NOBODY HERE EXCEPT A LITTLE BOY!
WELL... I'LL BUZZ AROUND THE CITY A WHILE LONGER!
ASSORTED SNEAKY TYPES HAVE BEEN DRIFTING INTO THAT ABANDONED FACTORY... LIKE THEY DON'T WANT TO BE SEEN!
NOW I'M SURE SOMETHING ROTTEN IS UP! THAT WOMAN-- SHE'S JOSHUA'S SISTER!--
--AND JOSHUA WAS A VERITABLE HIGH PRIEST OF HATE! *
IT MIGHT BE SHE'S CARRYING ON HER BROTHER'S DIRTY WORK!
IF SO... I'LL STOP HER!
HER VOICE... COMING FROM THE TOP OF THE STAIRS!
LISTEN TO ME, YOU ALL...

PEERING INTO THE GLOOM, THE BLACK CANARY SEES--
LISTEN TO ME, ALL YOU AMERICANS!
YOU'VE SEEN THE FOREIGNERS COME INTO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD--
YOU'VE HEARD THEIR BABBLE... SEEN HOW THEY LIVE--!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO PUT UP WITH IT! THIS COUNTRY BELONGS TO US!
A FEW OF US HAVE BEEN TRYING TO RID OUR HOMELAND OF THESE... ALIENS!
WE'VE TRIED SCARING THEM OFF!--BUT WE'VE FAILED... THUS FAR!
WE CAN'T AFFORD TO GO ON FAILING!
THE ONLY SOLUTION IS... FORCE THEM OUT!
HEY, SISTER JOSHUA!--IS SHE ONE OF US?
NO, I'M NOT!
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AND...TAKE YOUR RANCID HANDS OFF ME!
BLACK CANARY--SHE'S A TRAITOR TO OUR RACE!
GET HER... DO WHAT WE'LL DO TO THE ALIENS!
ALTHOUGH THE BLACK CANARY FIGHTS VALIANTLY... FIRED WITH A SENSE OF LOATHING FOR THE TWISTED SOULS SHE BATTLES--EVEN AS SHE FIGHTS OFF A COUPLE MORE--
SWELL! I'LL DEMONSTRATE WHAT YOUR ENEMIES WILL DO BACK!
KASH
--THE ODDS ARE FAR TOO GREAT...
TAKE HER TO THE ROOF! MAYBE YOU'LL ACCIDENTALLY DROP THE WITCH! IT'LL BE A GOOD LESSON TO THE ALIENS!
SHORTLY...
DON'T WAIT! DON'T HESITATE!
REMEMBER--YOU'RE ACTING IN A NOBLE CAUSE!
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GREEN LANTERN! --RUN!
SURE,,, STAMPEDE LIKE ANIMALS! BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT YOU ARE!
YOU'VE ABANDONED ANY CLAIM TO HUMANITY!
YOU MIGHT RECALL,,, ANIMALS END THEIR DAYS ON-- MEAT-HOOKS!
YOU OKAY, KID?
APART FROM A HEADACHE... YES!
THANKS FOR THE LAST-MINUTE RESCUE, GL!
YOU RESCUED YOURSELF!-- BY TELLING THE BOY ON THE STREET CORNER WHERE YOU'D GONE!
WHEN YOU DIDN'T SHOW, I LANDED AND GOT YOUR MESSAGE!
BETWEEN US, WE'VE DONE EVERYTHING!
EXCEPT-- FIND OUR,,, FRIEND,,,
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GREEN LANTERN and GREEN ARROW
THE CAREENING AUTOMOBILE SMASHES INTO THE TELEPHONE BOOTH, SENDING THE BLACK CANARY HURTLING LIKE A BROKEN TOY THROUGH THE MORNING AIR--! FROM THIS HIDEOUS ACCIDENT WILL STEM THE BIZARRE EVENTS THAT DETERMINE...
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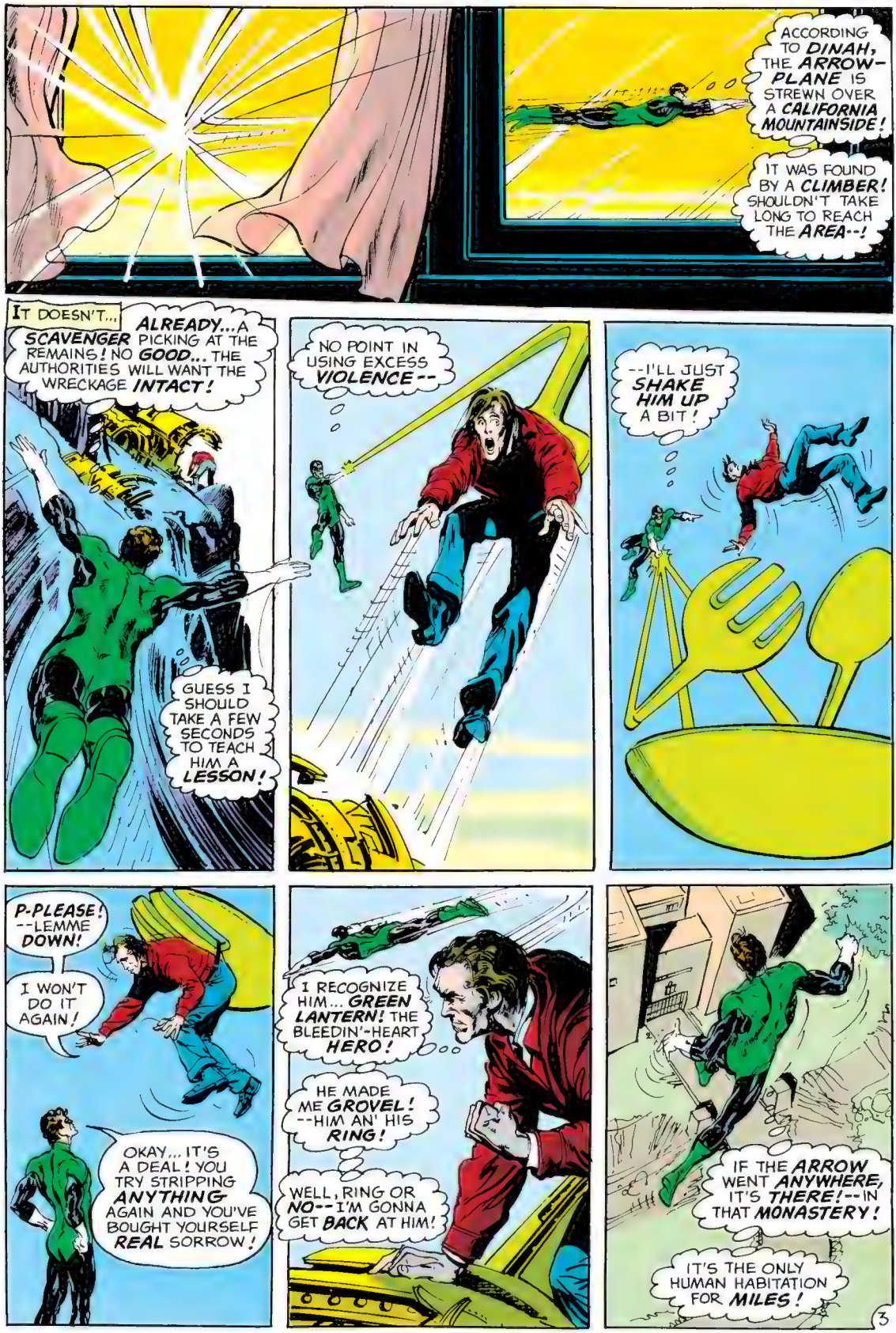
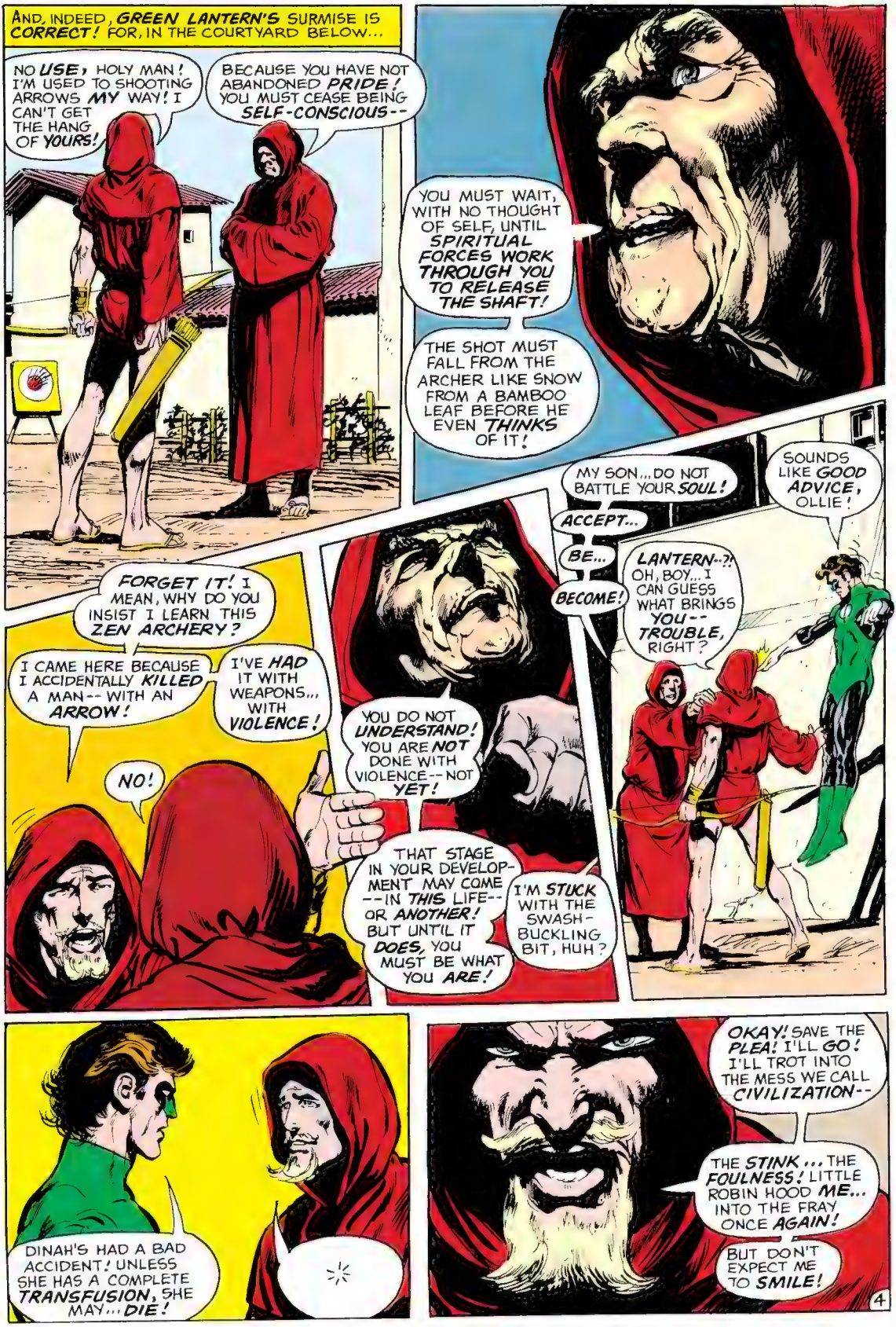
OFFICER--WHAT HAPPENED?
SOME NUT STONED ON WAKE-UP PILLS LOST CONTROL OF HIS CAR AND...WELL, TAKE A LOOK FOR YOURSELF, GREEN LANTERN!
SHE'S LUCKY SHE WASN'T SMASHED TO A PULP!
NOT VERY LUCKY, HANRAHAN! I FOUND A TAG ON HER PERSON STATING SHE HAS AN RH NEGATIVE BLOOD-TYPE--VERY RARE!
AND I HAPPEN TO KNOW THERE'S A SEVERE SHORTAGE OF IT JUST NOW! I DOUBT THERE'S ENOUGH IN THIS PART OF THE COUNTRY TO SUPPLY ALL SHE NEEDS!
WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE A PUBLIC APPEAL... AND HOPE!
THAT MAY NOT BE NECESSARY, DOCTOR!
I KNOW SOMEONE WHO HAS THE SAME TYPE--AND WOULD GIVE IT GLADLY TO THE BLACK CANARY!
I'LL SEE YOU IN A FEW HOURS!
SHE WAS ON THE PHONE WITH ME WHEN THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED... TELLING ME TRACES OF GREEN ARROW'S PLANE HAVE BEEN FOUND!
IT'S THE FIRST CLUE TO HIS DISAPPEARANCE WE'VE HAD IN THE TWO MONTHS HE'S BEEN MISSING!
IRONIC...SHE WAS TALKING ABOUT HIM... AND HE'S THE ONE WHO CAN SAVE HER!
THEY ONCE CONSIDERED GETTING MARRIED... AND HAD THEIR BLOOD-TYPES CHECKED!
I'VE GOT A LONG JOURNEY AHEAD!... BETTER RECHARGE MY POWER RING!
IN BRIGHTEST DAY, IN BLACKEST NIGHT,
NO EVIL SHALL ESCAPE MY SIGHT!
LET THOSE WHO WORSHIP EVIL'S MIGHT,
BEWARE MY POWER... GREEN LANTERN'S LIGHT!


ACCORDING TO DINAH, THE ARROW-PLANE IS STREWN OVER A CALIFORNIA MOUNTAINSIDE!
IT WAS FOUND BY A CLIMBER! SHOULDN'T TAKE LONG TO REACH THE AREA--!
IT DOESN'T..
ALREADY...A SCAVENGER PICKING AT THE REMAINS! NO GOOD... THE AUTHORITIES WILL WANT THE WRECKAGE INTACT!
GUESS I SHOULD TAKE A FEW SECONDS TO TEACH HIM A LESSON!
NO POINT IN USING EXCESS VIOLENCE--
--I'LL JUST SHAKE HIM UP A BIT!
P-PLEASE! --LEMME DOWN!
I WON'T DO IT AGAIN!
OKAY... IT'S A DEAL! YOU TRY STRIPPING ANYTHING AGAIN AND YOU'VE BOUGHT YOURSELF REAL SORROW!
I RECOGNIZE HIM... GREEN LANTERN! THE BLEEDIN'-HEART HERO!
HE MADE ME GROVEL! --HIM AN' HIS RING!
WELL, RING OR NO--I'M GONNA GET BACK AT HIM!
IF THE ARROW WENT ANYWHERE, IT'S THERE!--IN THAT MONASTERY!
IT'S THE ONLY HUMAN HABITATION FOR MILES!


AND, INDEED, GREEN LANTERN'S SURMISE IS CORRECT! FOR, IN THE COURTYARD BELOW...
NO USE, HOLY MAN! I'M USED TO SHOOTING ARROWS MY WAY! I CAN'T GET THE HANG OF YOURS!
BECAUSE YOU HAVE NOT ABANDONED PRIDE! YOU MUST CEASE BEING SELF-CONSCIOUS--
YOU MUST WAIT, WITH NO THOUGHT OF SELF, UNTIL SPIRITUAL FORCES WORK THROUGH YOU TO RELEASE THE SHAFT!
THE SHOT MUST FALL FROM THE ARCHER LIKE SNOW FROM A BAMBOO LEAF BEFORE HE EVEN THINKS OF IT!
MY SON... DO NOT BATTLE YOUR SOUL!
ACCEPT...
BE...
BECOME!
SOUNDS LIKE GOOD ADVICE, OLLIE!
LANTERN--?! OH, BOY... I CAN GUESS WHAT BRINGS YOU-- TROUBLE, RIGHT?
FORGET IT! I MEAN, WHY DO YOU INSIST I LEARN THIS ZEN ARCHERY?
I CAME HERE BECAUSE I ACCIDENTALLY KILLED A MAN-- WITH AN ARROW!
I'VE HAD IT WITH WEAPONS... WITH VIOLENCE!
NO!
YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND! YOU ARE NOT DONE WITH VIOLENCE-- NOT YET!
THAT STAGE IN YOUR DEVELOPMENT MAY COME --IN THIS LIFE-- OR ANOTHER! BUT UNTIL IT DOES, YOU MUST BE WHAT YOU ARE!
I'M STUCK WITH THE SWASHBUCKLING BIT, HUH?
DINAH'S HAD A BAD ACCIDENT! UNLESS SHE HAS A COMPLETE TRANSFUSION, SHE MAY... DIE!
OKAY! SAVE THE PLEA! I'LL GO! I'LL TROT INTO THE MESS WE CALL CIVILIZATION--
THE STINK... THE FOULNESS! LITTLE ROBIN HOOD ME... INTO THE FRAY ONCE AGAIN!
BUT DON'T EXPECT ME TO SMILE!
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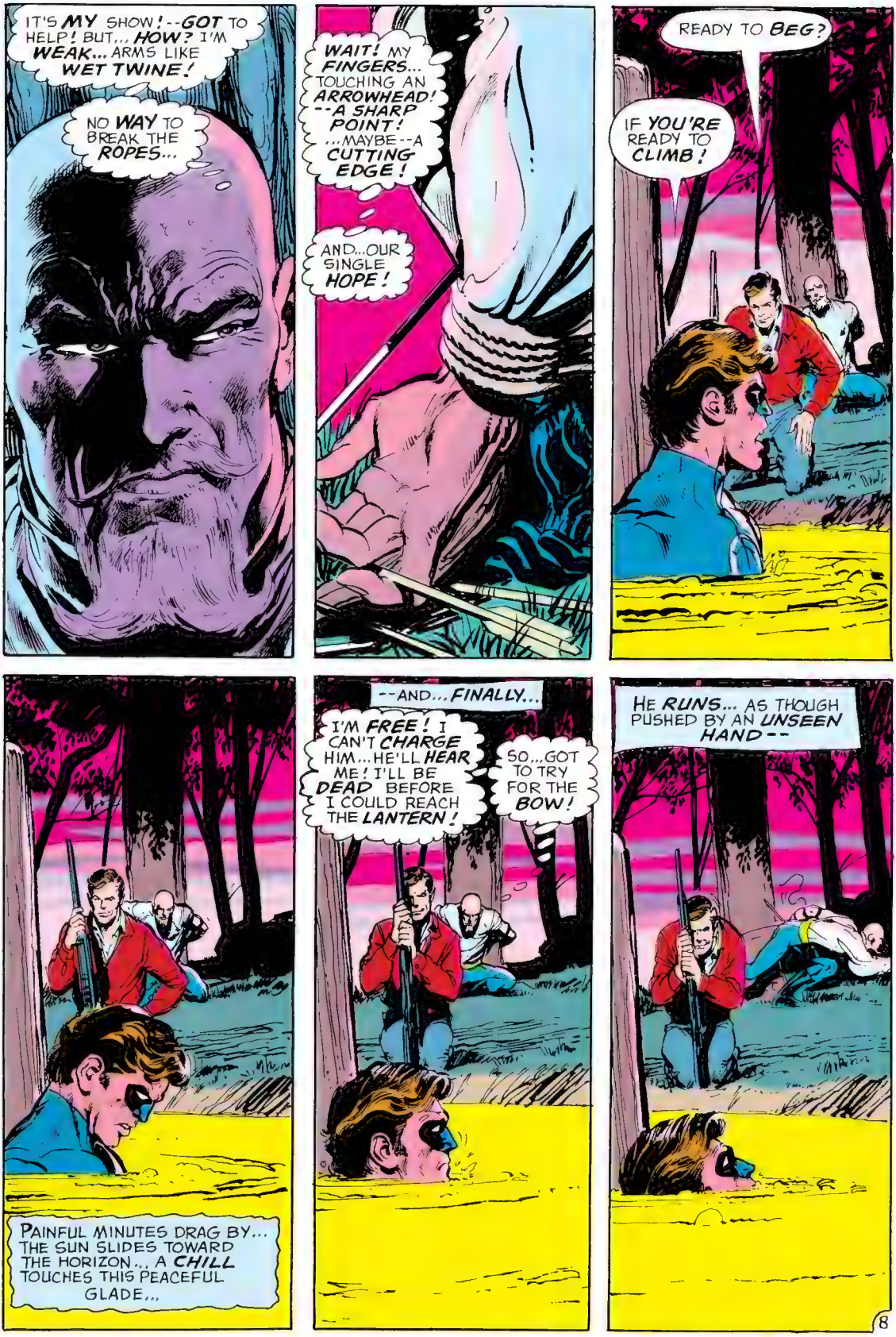
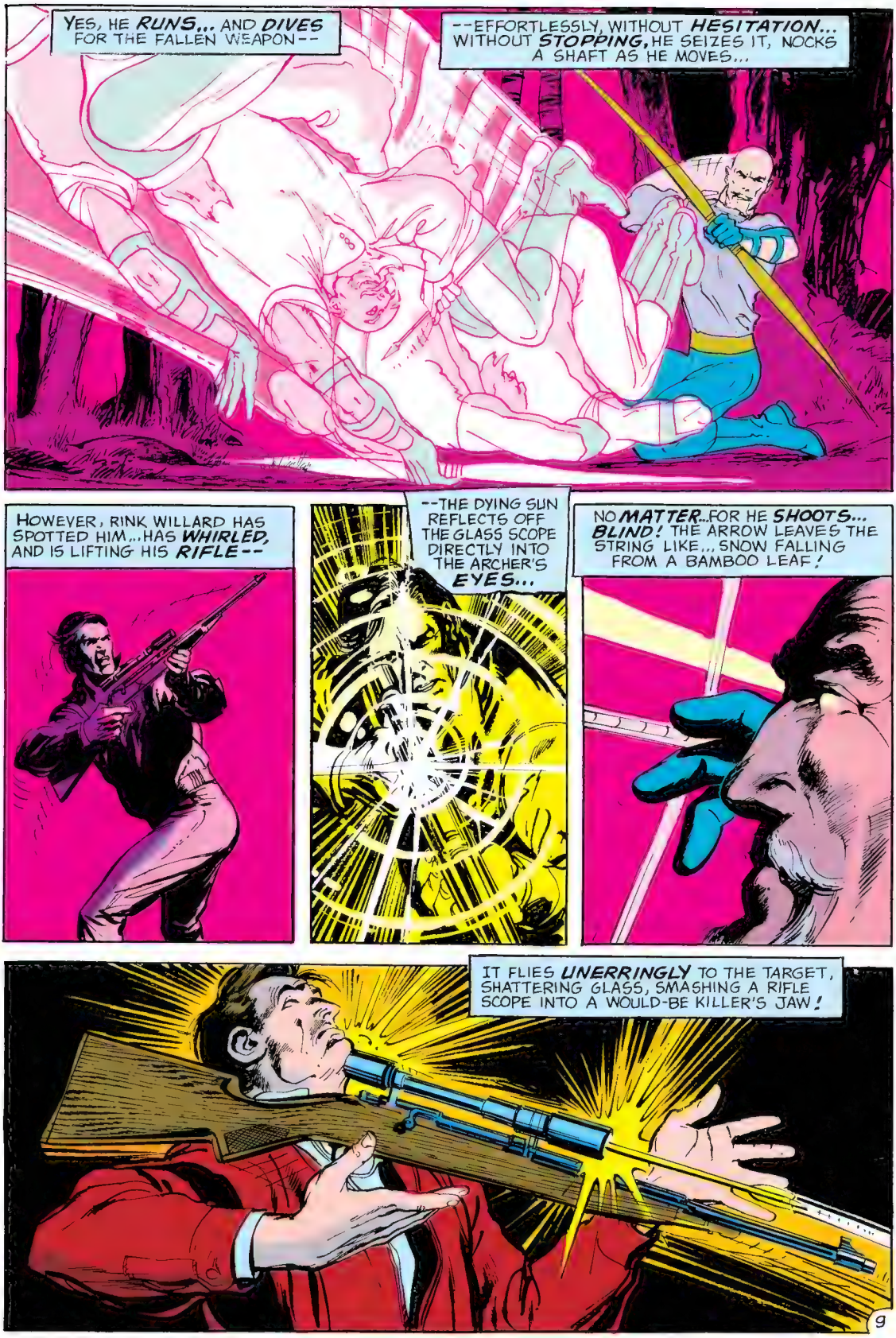
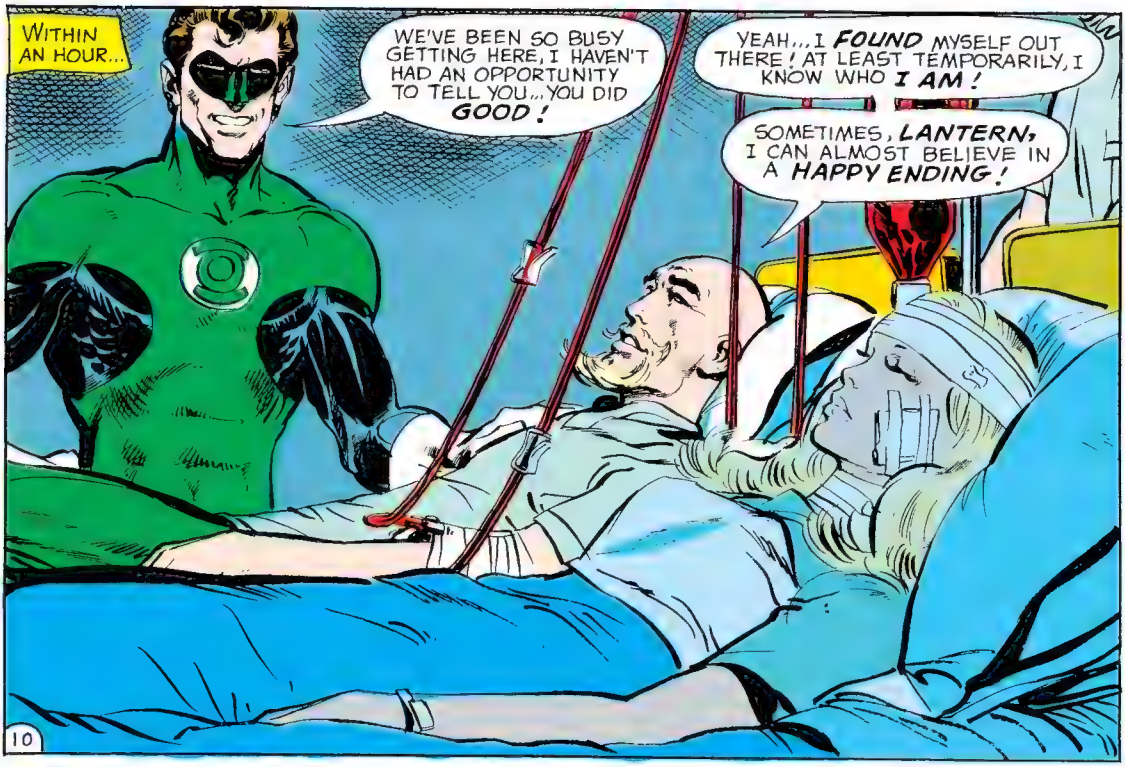
I'LL GET MY THINGS!
HE'S IN BAD SHAPE--?
IN TORMENT... AS THOSE WITH A SPECIAL DESTINY-- A NOBLE DESTINY-- ALWAYS ARE!
SOON--
I GUESS THIS IS GOOD-BYE, HOLY MAN! ...UH--THANKS!
ACCEPT, PLEASE, A PARTING GIFT--
--MY BEST BOW! TAKE IT,..AND WHEN YOU HAVE PASSED BEYOND IT--AS I PRAY YOU SHALL-- DESTROY IT!
LET NOTHING REMAIN BUT A HEAP OF ASHES!
NEXT STOP... STAR CITY!
WAIT, LANTERN! GIVE ME A FEW MOMENTS... A FEW FINAL SECONDS OF PEACE!
I WANT A LAST SMELL OF CLEAN AIR... I WANT TO HEAR THE BREEZE--
SURE, OLLIE! I UNDERSTAND!

SUDDENLY!
THOK
UNNGH!
FEEL LIKE FIGHTIN', MISTER? C'MON... YOUR BOW AGAINST MY RIFLE!
WHATSSA MATTER? YOU SCARED?
MAYBE I AM!
SOMETHING'S HOLDING ME... KEEPING ME FROM ACTING! IS IT MEMORY--?
I'M SCARED, ALL RIGHT! --I'M AFRAID I'LL KILL HIM!
AG- UFFF!
SPOK

WHEN HE AWAKENS, OLIVER QUEEN SMELLS THE AIR, HEARS THE BREEZE...AND FEELS AGONY... AND AN ICY VOICE CUTS INTO HIS MIND--
SLEEPING BEAUTY COME TO--? GOOD! YOU'RE JUST IN TIME!
WONDERIN' WHERE YOUR PAL IS--?
--THE PAL WHAT MADE ME--RINK WILLARD--GROVEL? WELL, HAVE A LOOK!
I GOT HIM TIED TO A LOG... AN' THE LOG IS IN MUD! IT AIN'T QUICKSAND...
...BUT IT'LL SERVE, JUST THE SAME! FIVE, TEN MINUTES HE'LL SINK... HE'LL BREATHE... NOTHIN'!
HE'S ALSO COME TO! HE GOT ANY-THING TO SAY?
HE CARE TO BEG?
I'LL SAY SOMETHING--
...GO CLIMB YOUR THUMB!
PAT
OOO
LANTERN'S RING IS BELOW THE SURFACE ...IMMERSED IN GUNK--YELLOW GUNK!
--THE ONE COLOR IMMUNE TO HIS POWER BEAM!


IT'S MY SHOW!--GOT TO HELP! BUT... HOW? I'M WEAK... ARMS LIKE WET TWINE!
NO WAY TO BREAK THE ROPES...
WAIT! MY FINGERS... TOUCHING AN ARROWHEAD! --A SHARP POINT! ...MAYBE--A CUTTING EDGE!
AND...OUR SINGLE HOPE!
READY TO BEG?
IF YOU'RE READY TO CLIMB!
PAINFUL MINUTES DRAG BY... THE SUN SLIDES TOWARD THE HORIZON... A CHILL TOUCHES THIS PEACEFUL GLADE...
--AND... FINALLY...
I'M FREE! I CAN'T CHARGE HIM... HE'LL HEAR ME! I'LL BE DEAD BEFORE I COULD REACH THE LANTERN!
SO...GOT TO TRY FOR THE BOW!
HE RUNS... AS THOUGH PUSHED BY AN UNSEEN HAND--


YES, HE RUNS... AND DIVES FOR THE FALLEN WEAPON--
--EFFORTLESSLY, WITHOUT HESITATION... WITHOUT STOPPING, HE SEIZES IT, NOCKS A SHAFT AS HE MOVES...
HOWEVER, RINK WILLARD HAS SPOTTED HIM...HAS WHIRLED, AND IS LIFTING HIS RIFLE--
--THE DYING SUN REFLECTS OFF THE GLASS SCOPE DIRECTLY INTO THE ARCHER'S EYES...
NO MATTER...FOR HE SHOOTS... BLIND! THE ARROW LEAVES THE STRING LIKE.., SNOW FALLING FROM A BAMBOO LEAF!
IT FLIES UNERRINGLY TO THE TARGET, SHATTERING GLASS, SMASHING A RIFLE SCOPE INTO A WOULD-BE KILLER'S JAW!


WITHIN AN HOUR...
WE'VE BEEN SO BUSY GETTING HERE, I HAVEN'T HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO TELL YOU... YOU DID GOOD!
YEAH... I FOUND MYSELF OUT THERE! AT LEAST TEMPORARILY, I KNOW WHO I AM!
SOMETIMES, LANTERN, I CAN ALMOST BELIEVE IN A HAPPY ENDING!
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ONCE AGAIN... THE EXPLOITS OF THE MAN WITH THE RING--
GREEN LANTERN
IT IS COLD HERE, HUNDREDS OF FEET ABOVE THE ROCKS, AS HE CLINGS DESPERATELY TO THE FACE OF A CLIFF...
...AND HE FEELS THE DIRT SLIDING FROM BENEATH HIS FINGERTIPS! HE SENSES THE SURE PRESENCE OF DEATH AND HIS THOUGHTS RACE--
ONLY MOMENTS LEFT BEFORE I FALL--! I'LL BE SQUASHED LIKE A BUG...!
WHAT A TIME FOR MY POWER RING TO SCREW UP!
BUT WHY, GREEN LANTERN? WHAT'S GONE WRONG WITH THE MIGHTY EMERALD THIS DANGEROUS MORNING?
"The POWERLESS POWER RING!"
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IT BEGINS SOMEWHERE IN THE FOOTHILLS OF A MOUNTAIN RANGE, SOMEWHERE IN THE WESTERN UNITED STATES...
GOOD TO BE HERE! TAKING THIS LITTLE TRIP IS THE SMARTEST THING I'VE DONE IN MONTHS!
I WASN'T EXACTLY SETTING THE WORLD ON FIRE IN THE CITY ANYWAY! IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE I SAW A PAYCHECK I'VE FORGOTTEN WHAT ONE LOOKS LIKE!
MIGHT AS WELL BE IDLE WHERE I'M BREATHING AIR INSTEAD OF SLUDGE--
--AND I'D SOONER LISTEN TO BIRDS THAN HORNS! AND I'LL BET THERE ISN'T A MUGGER IN MILES!
I'M ANXIOUS TO LEARN WHETHER OLLIE QUEEN'S RECIPE FOR WILDERNESS CHILI IS AS GOOD AS HE BOASTS!
ACCORDING TO THE ARCHER, THE SECRET IS TO ADD MUSHROOMS! WHICH DOESN'T SEEM LIKELY, BUT WHAT THE HECK...
MMMMMM
PRETTY DARN FINE! OLLIE WASN'T PUTTING ME ON, AFTER ALL!
I WAS GOING TO READ THE NEWSPAPER I BROUGHT ALONG, BUT NO--!
WHO NEEDS TO BE REMINDED OF THE WORLD'S SUNDRY MESSES?
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I'LL HIT THE SLEEPING BAG EARLY SO I CAN GET AN EARLY START IN THE A.M.!
FIRST, THOUGH, I HAVE MY DAILY CHORE--
--AND I ALWAYS FEEL BETTER DOING IT AS GREEN LANTERN!
THEN, THE TIMELESS RITUAL, AS GREEN LANTERN RECHARGES HIS POWER RING FROM THE OAN BATTERY AND RENEWS A SOLEMN OATH--
IN BRIGHTEST DAY, IN BLACKEST NIGHT, NO EVIL SHALL ESCAPE MY SIGHT! LET THOSE WHO WORSHIP EVIL'S MIGHT BEWARE MY POWER-- GREEN LANTERN'S LIGHT!
SUDDENLY, THE PURPLE SHADOWS VANISH AS A SUDDEN, FIERY DYSPLAY SHATTERS THE NIGHT SKY--
WHAT'S THAT? A BOLIDE--AN EXPLODING METEOR?--OR MAYBE THE AURORA BOREALIS?
IT'S FADING... GUESS IT WASN'T HARMFUL!-- NOTHING TO LOSE SLEEP ABOUT!

THE DARK, DREAMLESS HOURS PASS PEACEFULLY UNTIL, WITH THE DAWN'S EARLIEST RAYS...
RRRRR
RRRRRRRRRR
--A BLACK BEAR! THOSE BABIES CAN GET PLAYFUL ...AND HUNGRY!
I MEAN HIM NO HARM... BUT I'D RATHER HE GET HIS JOLLIES ELSEWHERE!
FORTUNATELY, I DON'T NEED TO GET ROUGH! I CAN USE THE RING TO DEPOSIT HIM A MILE OR TWO AWAY!
BYE-BYE, BRUNO!
HUNH? THE BEAM'S MISSING HIM! AM I BLOWING IT--OR IS THE RING SCREWED UP?
JUDGING FROM THE NASTY GLEAM IN HIS EYE, BRUNO IS GONNA CHARGE!
WELL! AT LEAST, THE RING STILL WORKS A BIT... ENOUGH TO LIFT ME OUT OF HARM'S WAY!
WITHIN MINUTES...
LOOKS LIKE BRUNO'S GONE OFF TO CHASE CHIPMUNKS FOR BREAKFAST!
WHICH LEAVES ME WITH A TASK-- IMPORTANT TYPE-- AND I'D BETTER NOT WASTE ANOTHER SECOND!
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IF SOMETHING'S SERIOUSLY WRONG WITH THE RING, I'VE GOT TO KNOW!
LET'S SEE... AS A TEST, I'LL GENTLY UPROOT THAT TREE!
NO GOOD! INSTEAD OF UPROOTING IT, I'VE SPLINTERED IT INTO TOOTHPICKS!
AND... I FEEL WOOZY! THE INSTANT I SHOT THE BEAM, A WAVE OF SICKNESS PASSED THROUGH ME!
PLAIN DOESN'T MAKE SENSE--
--OR DOES IT? THAT LIGHT IN THE SKY LAST NIGHT... HAD A YELLOWISH HUE!
YELLOW IS THE RING'S ENEMY ...BECAUSE OF THAT BLASTED IMPURITY IN THE STONE!
COULD BE THAT THE MYSTERIOUS FIREWORKS SOMEHOW AFFECTED THE RING...
...WHICH NOW MAKES MY GEM NOTHING MORE THAN AN ORDINARY BAUBLE!
LUCKILY, I'M IN NO IMMEDIATE DANGER! APART FROM FEELING ROCKY, I'VE GOT NO WORRIES!
WITHOUT WARNING--
TALK ABOUT FEELING ROCKY... A ROCKSLIDE!
HELP!

A CRY... FROM THE DIRECTION OF THE SLIDE!
MAYBE THE BINOCULARS WILL SHOW ME WHO'S IN TROUBLE -- AND WHY!
A GIRL! SHE MUST'VE BEEN CLIMBING THE CLIFF WHEN THE SLIDE STARTED!
SHE'S STRANDED ... ANOTHER SHOWER OF STONES COULD SNAP HER LINE AND FINISH HER!
NO TIME TO GO FOR ASSISTANCE... I'VE GOT TO DO THE RESCUE-BIT MYSELF!
IT'D BE SO EASY TO USE THE RING ... AND SO WRONG!
I'D BE GAMBLING WITH HER LIFE! THE BEAM MIGHT SAVE HER--OR IT MIGHT SPLINTER HER ROPE LIKE THE TREE!
SO IT'S A RESCUE -- IN PERSON!
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BY
AGONIZING
INCH,
HE
STRUGGLES
UPWARD
ALONG
THE
UNYIELDING,
AGELESS
GRANITE...
RACING
CERTAIN
DEATH!
FINALLY, PANTING AND TREMBLING FROM EFFORT, HE COMES WITHIN HAILING DISTANCE OF THE GIRL, AND...
HANG IN THERE, MISS! I'LL CLIMB TO THE LEDGE ABOVE YOU AND HAUL YOU TO SAFETY!
--I HOPE!
HOWEVER--
A SECOND SLIDE... WORSE THAN THE FIRST! I CAN BARELY MAINTAIN MY GRIP--!
I'VE LOST MY GEAR--
--AND I'M LOSING MY FINGER-HOLDS!
ONLY MOMENTS LEFT BEFORE I FALL--!
THERE I GO!
ALL THAT'S BETWEEN ME AND THE VALLEY FLOOR IS EMPTINESS... AND A POWERLESS POWER RING!
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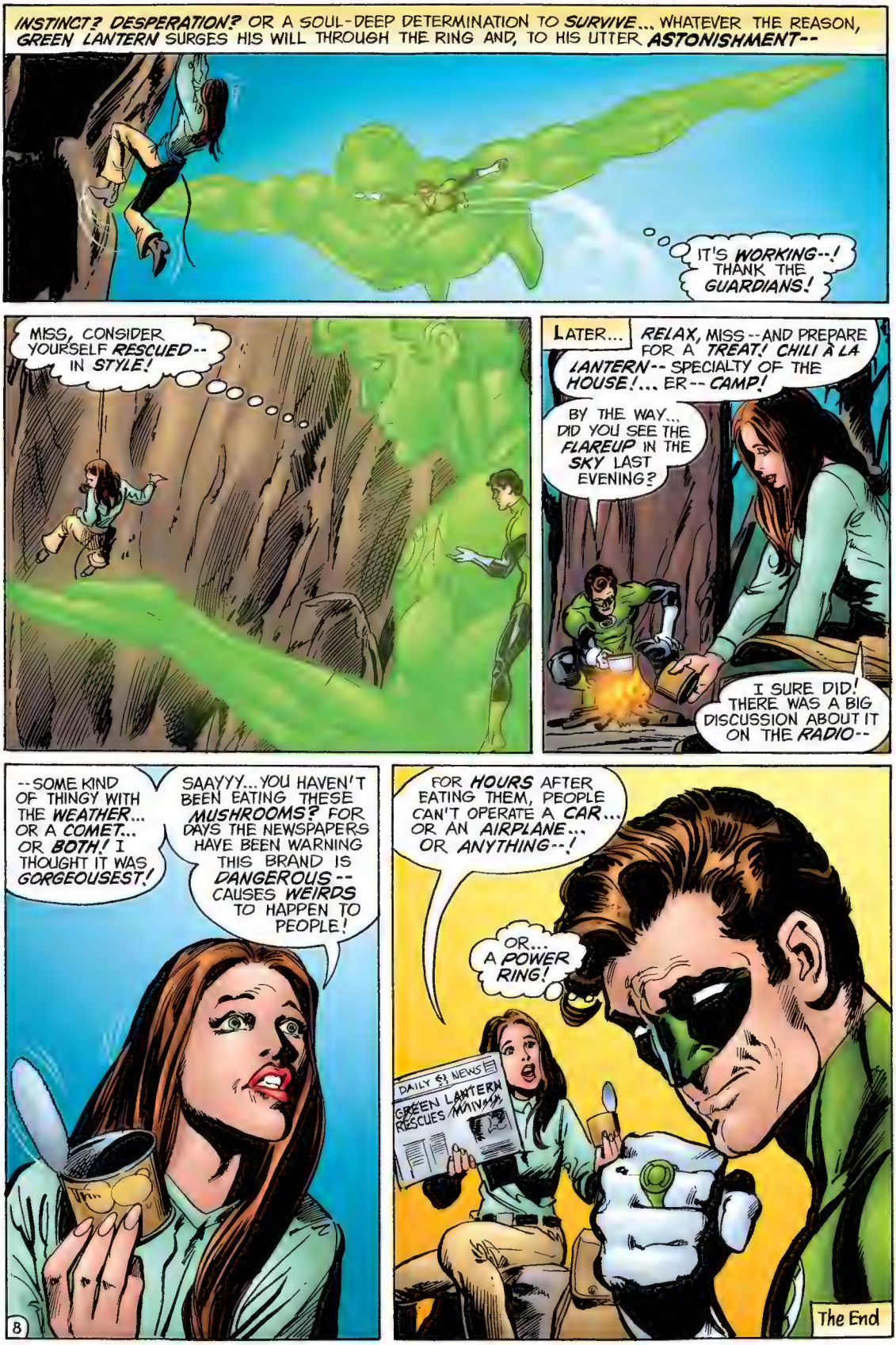
INSTINCT? DESPERATION? OR A SOUL-DEEP DETERMINATION TO SURVIVE... WHATEVER THE REASON, GREEN LANTERN SURGES HIS WILL THROUGH THE RING AND, TO HIS UTTER ASTONISHMENT--
IT'S WORKING--! THANK THE GUARDIANS!
MISS, CONSIDER YOURSELF RESCUED-- IN STYLE!
LATER...
RELAX, MISS--AND PREPARE FOR A TREAT! CHILI A LA LANTERN-- SPECIALTY OF THE HOUSE!... ER-- CAMP!
BY THE WAY... DID YOU SEE THE FLAREUP IN THE SKY LAST EVENING?
I SURE DID! THERE WAS A BIG DISCUSSION ABOUT IT ON THE RADIO--
--SOME KIND OF THINGY WITH THE WEATHER... OR A COMET... OR BOTH! I THOUGHT IT WAS GORGEOUSEST!
SAAYYY... YOU HAVEN'T BEEN EATING THESE MUSHROOMS? FOR DAYS THE NEWSPAPERS HAVE BEEN WARNING THIS BRAND IS DANGEROUS-- CAUSES WEIRDS TO HAPPEN TO PEOPLE!
FOR HOURS AFTER EATING THEM, PEOPLE CAN'T OPERATE A CAR... OR AN AIRPLANE... OR ANYTHING--!
OR... A POWER RING!
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STOP! YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING!
"...AND THROUGH HIM SAVE A WORLD!"

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